PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

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JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO

AND OTHER STATES

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Pursuant to the call of the Honorable President, the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States met in its thirty-seventh convention, the fifth time as a delegate body, in Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. W. E. Tressel, pastor, at Fremont, Ohio, August 25th, 1904, at 10 A. M. The Honorable President, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., preached the Synodical Sermon on Rom. 6, 3-4, after which the Synod was formally opened by him. The roll call showed 83 delegates — 48 clerical and 27 lay-delegates; and 8 teachers, 30 advisory members, 62 guests present — total, 175. The voting members are distributed among the different districts as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
P. F. Hein, Columbus, O., Sta. C.	Henry Schulz, Rome, O.
J. E. Kieffer, Charleston, W. Va.	J. Schaefer, Trenton, O.
C. F. W. Allwardt, Hamilton, O.	Frank Kehlenbring, Richmond, Ind.
R. C. H. Lenski, Anna, O.	W. G. Keller, Union City, Ind.
R. V. Schmitt, Chattanooga, O.	August Vonholt, Cortland, Ind.
F. J. Lange, Kellerville, Ind.	
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Teachers.

L. R. Riedel, Dayton, O.	G. Schiermeyer, Richmond, Ind.

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Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
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E. Cronenwett, Butler, Pa.	Louis Glueck, Youngstown, O.
K. Braeuer, Hubbard, O.	Hon. N. Hogue, Surgeon's Hall.
A. W. Werder, Wheeling, W. Va.	

Teachers.

G. A. Timmermann, Youngstown, O.

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Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
L. Hess, Crestline, O.	A. A. Zindler, Pemberville, O.
J. W. Kuntz, Bucyrus, O.	*Louis Nissen, Port Clinton, O.
W. H. Lehman, Bellevue, O.	J. Dettmer, Sheldon, Ind.
E. H. Winterhoff, Pemberville, O.	J. Lust, Marion, O.
J. P. Meyer, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Herman Schroeter, Detroit, Mich.
E. Kittel, Dundee, Mich.	F. Aschbacher, New Washington, O.
J. Doescher, Detroit, Mich.	K. Knebush, Dundee, Mich.
A. Ebert, St. Clair, Mich.	
W. E. Schuette, Toledo, O.	

Teachers.

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H. Zimmermann, Pemberville, O.	

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Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
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E. Ahl, Duluth, Minn.	Ferd. Krause, Le Mars, Iowa.
F. Matter, Orient, S. Dak.	
H. Schmidt, Des Moines, Iowa.	
C. Heuer, Westbrook, Minn.	
F. W. Gebhardt, Worthington, Minn.	
Ed. Hess, Jamestown, N. Dak.	
A. C. Ernst, Stillwater, Minn.	

Teachers.

F. Kusch, Mammen, Iowa.

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Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
P. H. Hass, Granton, Wis.	F. Prange, Mt. Olive, Ill.
J. Mittermaier, Clintonville, Wis.	A. Bredlau, Loyal, Wis.
Theo. Marth, Appleton, Wis.	
J. Klindworth, Galena, Ill.	
H. Wickemeyer, Michigan City, Ind.	
E. Nottbohm, Mt. Olive, Ill.	

*Absent.

TEACHERS.

J. Nickel, Van Dyne, Wis. H. Amelung, Blue Island, Ill.

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PASTORS.

E. Schulz, Kansas City, Mo. F. Pohlman, Hiawatha, Kans.

LAY DELEGATES.

Louis Mellenbruch, Hiawatha, Kans.

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PASTORS.

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	Robert Wilkin.
J. H. W. Hoerr, Claremont, N. C.	

*Absent.

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Prof. L. M. Hunt, Hickory Academy, Hickory, N. C.

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*Absent.

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Oscar Mees,	Ernest Eckhoff,	H. W. Mohrhoff, Jr.

Rev. Karl Roebbelen of Hermannsburg, Germany, and Director Behr, of the Michigan Synod were welcomed by Synod as guests.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren:

As a greeting, *Christ Jesus*, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever; and "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.." 1 Cor. 1, 30. Concerning this His Anointed One, the most true God, with His own voice from heaven, bears witness, saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him!" Matt. 17, 5. Again, and by the mouth of His apostle, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 5, 12. And this the Son Himself confirms when, in speaking of the purpose of His manifestation, He solemnly declares, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me!" John 14, 6.

Wherefore, — and note well that this message is to us poor, forlorn and condemned sinners — the way back to the Father is by the Son; by the Son alone, to the exclusion of every other healer or helper whatsoever; and by the Son only as given, and as He presents Himself to us; that is to say, in the full majesty of His divine-human person and of His saving offices as these are manifested in the life He lived on earth, in the obedience He rendered, in the sufferings He endured, in the merits He acquired, in the Spirit He sends, in the gifts and graces He bestows, in the example He has set before us, in His guidance of us, and in the fellowship with Himself in the kingdom which, though of low estate now shall hereafter be made perfect with a glory everlasting. This same Man Jesus, "because he abideth forever, hath an unchangeable priesthood; wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth making interception for them."

Should any one inquire, Where may I find Him, and how, that I may have part with Him? to such an one give answer: In the words He himself has spoken and in the sacraments He himself has instituted, in them you shall find Him. In these humble signs and symbols of holy writ—more correctly, of His gospel—He has clothed himself, and thus become incarnate, as it were, in forms of human speech and of earthly matter. Beggarly and contemptible as these vestments may appear to the world, yet in them He walks about among men, lives and moves, presents Himself, labors, would He woo and win their souls, and does He give Himself for possession to all who, by virtue of this wonder-working garment, lay hold of Him with believing hearts. For thus says He who has loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God and His Father,

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3, 20. And in a manner so real and substantial is He present in the Word that whosoever has received Him in and with that Word can say as did the disciple that reclined in His bosom, "We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Having tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come, they speak that they do know.

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That Christ Jesus is true God, and that the sinner's salvation is wholly and solely His work and gift, as also that for self impartation He has so bound Himself to His Word that as this is received or rejected He Himself is received or rejected—these are foundation truths of Christian teaching that need to be cried out with a voice loud as a trumpet and that cannot be hushed; and this for a testimony not only unto an unbelieving world rushing to destruction, but—sad to say —unto the hosts of a christendom which, if not entirely, has become next to Christless. Apostasy has become appallingly prevalent in these our days; for vast as the multitude of those may be that profess the name of Him who is the fairest among the children of men, among them there are countless thousands that have forbidden Him entrance to their hearts and homes!

That Jesus of Nazareth was a man highly favored of God far above his fellows, is still quite generally admitted, even the Jews are beginning to concede that much; that He was and is true God and true man in one person, that, they say, no sane man can be expected to believe. So, too, they speak loudly in praise of the great services Jesus has rendered our race and generation for time and—if you will have it so—for eternity; however, that He may have done more than leave to posterity a pattern of pure humanity, "most assuredly not!" The sad fact is that the great gospel of God even in its general summation, John 3, 16, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," has become to entire churches a meaningless riddle, and one that, if presented, is considered not worth the solving. Woe be unto them; for again it is written—v. 36—"he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him"—the unquenchable yet never consuming fiery wrath of Him whose grace he spurns and whose justice he defies. And should it transpire, as at times it does, that the soul of some poor sinner becomes restless upon hearing the warning voice, what likelihood, think you, is there that he will find a true and lasting peace under the pulpits or at the altars throughout the land?

The fact, if fact it be, that in our own age people more than ever before busy themselves about the Bible and things pertaining to it, must not blind us or warp our judgment; for to many the book they handle is not the Word of God, true in all its utterances, able to save, holy

and inviolable throughout its every page. In places high and low it is looked upon as the product of men strangely wise in some things and foolish in others; as such they criticise, cavil and carp at it, and this in a manner so disrespectful at times as though they were turning the leaves of some low-class literature. And the result of their profound research in and about the book, according "to the latest scientific methods" of course, is what? A miserable caricature of the triune and most holy God, which creation of their own brains they worship, and worship in the priestly robes of Him whom they have long past crucified unto themselves and whose body—integuments reserved—they have laid away in the grave beyond all hope of resurrection!

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Has God, then, forsaken His people? Far from it. What the holy seer and singer of the old covenant said in praise of his own day, he may be said to have prophesied of the new: "The Lord gave the word; and great was the company of those that published it." That same Word, my brethren, and that Word in greater fulness and brightness is still being given to us and to countless thousands beside, and that too, from the lips of many faithful witnesses; and base ingratitude were it on our part, did we not acknowledge the unspeakable grace thereby bestowed.

Luther and the church bearing his name have known from their earliest day that to deny and reject the divine Word signifies both: to make God a liar, which is deicide, and to spurn the salvation it conveys, which is soul-murder—sins the most heinous mortal man can become guilty of. Thus taught, her people have learned to handle the good book with reverent fear, and to insist that it be preserved to them unadulterated and unchanged down to the very letter. At the same time the Lutheran Church understands quite well the difference between the spirit and the letter, between the heavenly substance and its earthly sign or symbol; but where she thus distinguishes she is careful not to separate, as is done in the Reformed churches and by the sects akin to them. It stands to reason that where the words of Scripture and the sacramental elements are looked upon as sounds and symbols without the substance they tell of or point to, there little importance will be attached to them, so that doubt and unbelief find ready entrance. In short, the false doctrine concerning the means of grace is largely responsible for the rejection of the Bible as the Word of God, and of Jesus Christ as the Son of God; for small as error or sin may at first appear, once let in it will not rest until it has opened the doors to its confederate mates, the thief and murderer.

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The degenerate condition of present day christianity may farthermore be accounted for in great part by unionism and in part by separatism, two extremes, and placed between which the cause of truth is in sorry plight. When in the words of our confession we say, and say truly, that "unto the true unity of the Church, it is sufficient to

agree concerning the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments. Nor is it necessary that human traditions, rites or ceremonies instituted by men should be alike everywhere"—Augsburg Conf., Art. VII—unionism takes exceptions, asserting that the first clause demands too much, whilst the second asks too little. Contrarywise, separatism asserts concerning the first part what was never intended, to-wit, that by Gospel "we are to understand every passage of Scripture and the interpretation put upon it, as also every churchly doctrine and the conclusions drawn from that doctrine, etc.; then, as to the second and last part, it is inclined to read from the words that human ordinances and ceremonies are of little account and that their observance may be left to the whims of men—thus going far beyond what our Confession means to say and does not say.

Unionism, therefore, would grant liberty to men—within certain limits, of course,—where God has bound them, and bind them in things wherein He has set them free, thus jeopardizing both their duty to bear witness to the whole truth and the prerogative they have as children of God to use their reason in things external, provided they thereby do not offend in any matter but in every way profit withal. If, then, unionism is in very principle already a surrender of certain—so-called nonfundamental—doctrines of Scripture, it is readily seen how it prepares the way for doubt and unbelief into the sanctuary of truths that are sacred to it. Thus careless of the pillarets and props, it is not surprising that ere long the building falls into ruin beyond repair.

When, on the other hand, it is observed how bitterly separatism sets itself against every tendency toward laxity in doctrine and practice, even makes choice of heresy-hunting as its profession, it may seem unjust to make it a co-defendant to the charge preferred against unionism, its foe. And yet it is true that, in part at least, it is to be blamed for the broad churchism of our day, the churchism that would put on the same level all religions, irrespective of their source and nature. It must be admitted that separatism is in its intent a zeal for God and for His word, but a zeal withal for much that lies beyond the Word and will of God; and thereby it defeats its own end. Besides, separatism is narrow-minded, over minute and scrupulous in spirit and personal conviction, even upon things indifferent; and in its demeanor, dogmatical, intolerant of opposition or dissent, and reckless as to consequences; so that minds thus strained are not seldom driven into the opposite extreme. Persons peaceably inclined and fearing that they may be suspected of heresy and be excommunicated, may for a time suppress their righteous doubts and indignation; ere long, however, patience ceases to be a virtue, and then in not a few cases the end of endurance is the end of all faith.

Then, too, its pretended contention for the truth is quite often nothing but a fuss about feathers; a bout about words and things most trivial, and whereby the minds of the people are confused and led away from the truth rather than to it. Such battling with mere shadows is enough to disgust even those who would otherwise delight to

search into the deeper things of God; and, bringing up old things and new, might enrich the treasure house of truth for the common good.

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Having done away with Christ as the Son of God, christless Christianity finds its natural issue and lowest level in the christless lodge whereof it is the parent or the child; which, it is hard to say. In the murky and mystic atmosphere of societyism, widely spread and spreading, present day religion must feel itself at home, as it were, since the devotees of both isms are animated by the same spirit and pursue about the same ends. Not that the lodges profess to be churches, or aim to take the place of churches; O no! rather do they look upon themselves as above the latter, their claim being that the sphere of their usefulness is worldwide, and not confined within the limits of a sect. To gather into one grand association or organic union all the people of the world for purely moral and practical ends, that is what they have set out for and strive to accomplish in the course of time; and that end attained, churches, having served their time, may be dispensed with. Thus at any rate run the prognostications of not a few of their priests and prophets.

The gospel they preach and the confession they have set up is so beautifully concise and simple that Christian people, looking at their big Bibles and long-drawn-out symbols, must hide their faces for very shame as they make comparison. "The fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man!" There you have it in toto; and never were words put together to propagate a tenet and to capture adherents to it, that might equal them in force and fairness. However, not to break the charm, forbear to ask their meaning. And if you do, an official interpretation will be denied you; for there is none and, wisely enough, none is desired. Each one is free to decide for himself who or what this God of all the world is, whether a he, she, or an it; so, too, who or what is to bring about and bind together the universal brotherhood held out before him. The inquiry set afoot, the heathen, as a matter of course, will declare for his idol, the Turk for his Allah, and the worldwise naturalist for primitive matter, for the world-soul, and the like. Thus each one may read into them or out of them, just as he pleases; so long as he joins in the rally for the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, no one will care or give a penny for his thought. And with spirits of that ilk professed Christians mingle and make common cause; by the thousands even, and foremost among them not a few that esteem themselves messengers for Christ, educators of the youth, leaders of the people, fosterers of civil morals, custodians of justice, and the like!

That among them there are many who, though blinded and misled, are upright in heart and intention, cannot be denied. And no doubt there are some who hunger for something better than the chaff they are fed with and who, without understanding the nature of the pain,

really hunger for the wheat of the living Word. If so, what are the churches doing to relieve the distress, to hush the cry for bread?

And as among them, and favored above all, what is the Church of the Reformation doing to check the desolation sweeping throughout all christendom? That for her own defense and safety she has raised up barricades high and strong, therein she has done wisely and well; not so, however, if in addition thereto she has cast up walls she herself can not surmount or scale to do battle for others as the Lord would have her do. True, she is by no means dumb, and the sound of her voice is clean and clear; but what if it die away within her own borders, how shall they hear that are without? Strange to say, even the smallest sect seems to find a way to make itself heard throughout the length and breadth of the land; not so the great church of Martin Luther, whose tidings are so good! How are we to explain this sad neglect of duty? On the score of language, or of peculiarity in character, or of motherly duties to her own children, or of dissentions and endless bickerings within? The one or the other, there is criminal remissness here; and, mark you, a church whose voice is too feeble to carry the truth of God beyond its own walls must needs renounce the glorious claim to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. And if so, what will the end be?

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Dear Brethren—I have briefly put you in remembrance of some great treasures of truth entrusted to us, and brought to your notice distresses in Christendom, lowering dangers, and duties that press for discharge. Let us give prayerful thought to the little that has been said that we may become more grateful for the blessings we enjoy, more sympathetic toward brethren that suffer, more vigilant against the sins at our door, more responsive to the demands of our time and calling, lest the Lord take from us the Word of truth which is able to save our souls.

C. H. L. S.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I. INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

a) Columbus. * * *

b) Woodville. It is my opinion that the Board of our Teachers' Seminary should be increased by at least two members.

c) Hickory. * * *

d) Lima. The action of the several districts on the overtures of the Lima Educational Association is before you, and will be found upon the whole adverse to the proposition. My suggestion that the school be placed under the auspices of Synod, seems to find little favor with its authorities.

II. INSTITUTIONS OF CHARITY.

a) For Orphans. These should and could be placed in private families, and to that end the necessary arrangements should be made. Such being my firm conviction, I express the hope that Synod will not entertain the motion to erect another building for orphans.

b). Board of Aids. The plan to secure the necessary funds for this treasury, introduced two years ago, has proved itself an excellent one, and I would therefore advise against all radical changes in the system now in vogue.

In place of Teachers Gohl and Seitz, who handed in their resignation after the close of Synod two years ago, I have appointed Teachers Zimmerman and Vogel.

III. MISSIONS.

a) Home. Financially, our home mission work has been more liberally supported than hereotfore; and it is to be deplored that the men can not be had to cover the large and promising field open to us. May the Lord of the good cause hasten to increase our forces!

b) Foreign. In response to an invitation extended by your Honorable Body, Pastor Roebbelen has been sent over as a representative of the Hermannsburg Mission. While we bid him hearty welcome and express the hope that his stay among us may further the cause of foreign mission work, let us not forget the particular purpose of the invitation extended, to-wit, that we may decide whether or not it might be well for us to assume and support one or more stations of the Hermannsburg Mission in Africa, and thus open the way to foreign missions under our own direction. Should nothing be done to this end, I would recommend that official reports be sent us annually from Hermannburg touching receipts and expenditures, important measures and resolutions, etc. We owe it to ourselves and our people to keep informed on the work we support.

IV. FINANCES.

a) The General Institution Treasury. The following data will undoubtedly prove interesting and I bespeak for them a close perusal:

Date.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Indebtedness.
1886-1888	$27,815 19	$76,254 21	$38,883 19
1888-1890	32,876 58	79,108 59	10,323 90
1890-1892	38,290 33	81,430 88	28,900 90
1892-1894	48,321 82	74,730 70	35,347 50
1894-1896	60,946 78	92,110 07	54,314 32
1896-1898	46.107 75	80,773 79	71,415 61
1898-1900	69,595 05	80,280 68	67,006 40
1900-1902	62,538 68	81,758 20	55,563 28
1902-1904	56,153 28	62,127 02	62,538 28

The receipts are contributions, exclusive of revenues or funds.—These figures speak with a force words are barely capable of, and what they would impress on us, is: Gather more diligently! Expend more economically! Be severely conscientious in both, and—pray!

b) Scholarships. Capital paid in since last meeting on former scholarships nearly $6,000; new scholarships, 4; promised definitely, but not yet executed, 5; sum total of all scholarships to date amounts to $48,800.

c) The George Baughman Professorship Fund now amounts to $25,000, including farm valued at $5,000. For the benefit, in the future, of our Seminary at Columbus, Rev. Luetjen has placed with us an annuity the capital of which is $1,000. This has been invested in the Book Concern as a loan; likewise an annuity of Mrs. Brinker, amounting to $300. Concerning other funds, see Treasurer Heer's report.

From the estate of the late Henry Stiffler, Prospect, Ohio, I have received the sum of $984 and distributed the same per directions: to Home Missions, $246; Building Board, $246; Capital University, $492. From the estate of the late Austin Cooperrider, Glenford, Ohio, I have thus far realized, in cash, about $19,300; in notes, $1,400; in real estate, valued at $2,100. This fund is for the Church Building Board, but to be handled by Synod. If agreeable, I would like to be heard on this and kindred subjects (i. e., wills) before the Preliminary Committee.

d) The accounts on the foregoing fund, as also on that of our late Brother J. A. Schulze, are ready to be submitted for auditing.

e) In order that the funds entrusted to Synod may be safely and profitably invested, I would suggest that the Board of Administration be enlarged, and it be empowered to purchase real estate, erect buildings, etc. On this point, too, I would like to express myself further.

V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

a) Synodical Handbook. This should now be published, and for insertion in the same, beside the material ordered, I would propose: Forms for opening Synod, and sessions of Synod, with notes; parliamentary rules, and a series of questions for conducting visitations, such, for instance as that of the Wisconsin District.

b) In conclusion, I would recommend that the more usual orders of service, with notes, be inserted in our hymnals, German and English. Should this be resolved, a special committee must be appointed to attend to its proper execution.

Respectfully submitted to your honorable body,

C. H. L. Schuette, *President.*

ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

After the opening of Synod by our Hon. President, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., the organization of Synod took place, the delegates presenting their credentials. The business of Synod was completed in 11 sessions, of which one was held in the evening. Each session was opened with a short divine service by the Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Feeger.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D.....*President*
Rev. E. A. Boehme.....*Eastern Vice President*
Prof. H. Ernst, D. D.....*Western Vice President*
Rev. W. D. Ahl.....*German Secretary*
Rev. Wm. H. Price.....*English Secretary*
Mr. C. Nagel.....*Treasurer*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

The Preliminary Committee of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, elected for this delegate body, met on the 23d of August, 1904, in the Grace Luth. church at Fremont, Ohio. The session was opened by the Hon. President with the reading of Scripture and prayer. The delegates elected by the different District Synods are herewith given:

1. *Western District*: Revs. R. C. H. Lenski and C. F. W. Allwardt; Messrs. J. Schaefer and H. Schulz.

2. *Eastern District*: Rev. H. J. Schuh and Dr. E. Cronenwett; Messrs. Theo Dauble and Louis Glueck.

3. *Northern District*: Revs. W. E. Schuette and W. H. Lehmann; Messrs. A. A. Zindler and J. Dettmer.

4. *Minnesota District*: Revs. A. C. Ernst and E. Hess; Mr. Theo. Bothke.

5. *Wisconsin District*: Revs. H. Wickemeyer and E. Nottbohm; Messrs. Aug. Bredlau and Franz Pranger.

6. *Washington District*: Revs. E. Mack and A. Eberle; Mr. C. Hendrick.

7. *Kansas and Nebraska District*: Revs. E. Schulz and F. Pohlman; Mr. Louis Mellenbruch.

8. *Texas District*: Rev. I. J. Rod and Prof. C. E. Roess.

9. *First English District*: Revs. J. F. A. Lautenschlager and C. W. Bachman; Messrs. E. F. Daume and J. M. Longenbach.

10. *Concordia District*: Revs. R. E. Golladay and J. E. A. Doermann; Judge J. J. Dobler and Mr. Christ Smith.

All reports and business of Synod were then presented by the Hon. President to different sub-committees for consideration and action. Before, however, their reports were presented to Synod, they were considered by the Preliminary Committee as a whole and adopted. The sub-committees were:

I. *Educational Institutions*: Revs. C. F. W. Allwardt, W. E. Schuette, E. C. Hess and H. Wickemeyer; Messrs. J. J. Dob-

ler and Aug. Bredlau. *Advisory*: Dr. H. A. Allwardt, Dr. L. H. Schuh, Profs. Wm. Schmidt and L. M. Hunt.

II. *Eleemosynary Institutions*: Revs. W. H. Lehman, F. Pohlman and A. Eberle; Messrs. H. Schulz and L. Mellenbruch. *Advisory*: Revs. A. J. Feeger, H. J. Schuh and G. Mochel.

III. *Missions*: Revs. J. E. A. Doermann, E. Schulz and C. W. Bachman; Messrs. Theo. Dauble and Louis Glueck. *Advisory*: Revs. E. A. Boehme, A. Krause and Prof. K. Hemminghaus.

IV. *Publication Matters*: Dr. E. Cronenwett, Revs. E. Mack and R. E. Golladay; Messrs. J. Schaeffer, E. F. Daume and F. Bauman. *Advisory*: Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, Revs. H. J. Reiman and H. Eisenbach.

V. *Finances*: Revs. R. C. H. Lenski, J. F. A. Lautenschlager and A. C. Ernst; Messrs. Christ Smith, F. Prange and Prof. C. E. Roess. *Advisory*: Revs. W. E. Schramm and M. R. Walter.

VI. *Miscellaneous Matters* (President's Report, Liturgical Matters and Varia): Revs. E. Nottbohm and I. J. Rod, and Mr. C. Hemmerich. *Advisory*: Revs. F. W. Gahre, C. H. Althoff, E. G. Tressel, Prof. E. Pfeiffer and Dr. Wm. Steinmann.

The Hon. President appointed the chairmen of the different sub-committees as a committee to arrange an Order of Business. This Order of Business was presented at the opening of Synod and adopted.

C. H. L. Schuette, *President.*

Wm. H. Price, *Eng. Secretary.*

W. D. Ahl, *Ger. Secretary.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THURSDAY.

Missions and President's Report. (III Sub-Committee.)

FRIDAY.

Educational Institutions. (I Sub-Committee.)

SATURDAY.

Eleemosynary Institutions. (II Sub-Committee.)

MONDAY.

Finances. (V Sub-Committee.)

TUESDAY.

Publication Matters. (IV Sub-Committee.)

WEDNESDAY.

Miscellaneous Matters. (VI Sub-Committee.) Liturgical Matters and Varia.

Resolved, That Synod shall not deviate from this Order of Business unless demanded by three-fourths of the members present.

Resolved, That no one speak more than twice on the same motion, nor more than five minutes at one time.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

Reports of the Different Boards, Treasurers, Committee Reports, Proceedings, and Resolutions Respecting the Same.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBUS, O.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Dear Brethren!

With gratitude toward God, whose favor and blessing rested on our institutions during the past two years also, we herewith submit our report of the Seminary and its Board.

Two extra and four regular sessions were held. On the 23 of September, 1902, the Board met to propose candidates for a new theological professor, according to resolution of Joint Synod at Michigan City, Ind. In the following session, October 28, 1902, Dir. Mees, Ph. D., of Woodville, Ohio, was unanimously elected as theological professor, and a call to him was formulated.

In the regular meeting of the Board, December 9, 1902, a letter of acceptance from Dr. Mees was read. The filling of his place at Woodville was, however, delayed to such an extent, that his installation as professor of theology did not occur until September 6, 1903. The installation was in charge of Rev. Hecht, by request of the Board.

The resignation of Rev. Trebel, as member of the Seminary Board, was accepted, and Rev. Dillmann was elected to fill his place till the meeting of Joint Synod. As members of the Board of Capital University, Messrs. Schwartz and Binkley, of Columbus, were re-elected; and to fill the unexpired term of the sainted B. F. Doelker, Mr. C. F. Mayer, of Columbus, was elected.

During the school year, 1902-1903, the number of students in the Seminary was only 15. Of these 6 were ordained to the ministry. Last year the number was 25; and of these, 7 have entered the ministry, leaving 18 in the Seminary. For our present needs the number is still too small.

According to resolution of Synod, a new professor's residence is being built on the campus. The building is of brick.

At the suggestion of the theological faculty, the Board has taken steps toward a proper celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the theological seminary.

The term of the following members of the Board has expired: Revs. Boehme, Benzin, Dillmann; and the Messrs. Ahlers and Herrnstein.

We have the pleasure to add, that our venerable Dr. Loy's health has so far improved, that he was able to attend the commencement of Capital University last June. May it please God to spare him yet many days for the good of our Church and Synod!

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. DILLMANN, *Secretary.* E. A. BOEHME, *President.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Educational Institutions begs leave to report as follows:

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

a) *Resolved,* That we ask Joint Synod to again urge the various Districts to work with greater earnestness for our beneficiary system, as it is our opinion that this will result in a larger number of students, and eventually of candidates for the ministry.

b) *Resolved,* That Synod approve of celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Theological Seminary at Columbus, Ohio, as suggested by the Board of Directors.

However, we suggest that the celebration be postponed one year, if possible, so that Joint Synod might convene at Columbus and take part in the jubilee exercises.

c) We express gratitude to God at the favorable report concerning the health of our venerable Dr. M. Loy. We recommend that his greetings be read to Synod, to which Synod make reply.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

a and b adopted. Pertaining to *b*, the motion was made that our congregations at Columbus, Ohio, be requested to entertain Synod two years hence at the time of the jubilee service.

c adopted. The greetings of Dr. M. Loy were then read, together with a response by Synod. They are as follows:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, AUGUST 20, 1904.

To the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.

Dear Brethren: — As my health has in the last months been steadily improving, I had entertained some hopes of enjoying the pleasure once

more of meeting with you in Synod. I can endure so little physical exertion that these hopes rested on precarius grounds; but now, as I have taken a cold which renders me less able to stand the journey and the meeting, I must abandon the hope. Please excuse my absence. May God greatly bless you in the important work committeed to your charge.

Yours as ever,

M. Loy.

Fremont, Ohio, August 26, 1904.

Prof. M. Loy, D. D.

Esteemed Father and Brother in Christ: — Though your bodily presence in our midst would have moved us to still greater gratitude toward God, yet we are unable to thank Him sufficiently, that He has thus far spared your life for us. Your greetings and best wishes are evidence, that you are with us in spirit, that you are ever ready to give your strength and gifts to the Lord's service, which is ours, and that you continually intercede for us before the throne of God. So then also our greeting to you is a wish and prayer, the granting of which is a blessing to us and you, that the merciful Lord may to your blessed end grant you brightness and firmness of mind and cheerfulness of faith in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

In the name and by order of Synod,

Yours in Christ,

E. A. Boehme.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, O.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — By the grace of God our Institution at Columbus has been preserved and has been enabled to do the work for which it was established, also in the past two years. There is not much out of the ordinary to report. The following will give you an idea of the state of affairs there:

I. THE PROFESSORS.

Our professors, excepting the venerable senior Dr. Loy, who is still an invalid, though of late he has given cheering evidence of improvement, are in fair health, and are serving the Institution faithfully and acceptably. In this connection, however, we would record the demise of the faithful wife of Prof. A. Pflueger, A. M., and of Mr. Bernhard Doelker, a member of our Board.

Acting on Synod's instructions to our Board, in connection with the Seminary Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the sickness and retirement of Dr. Loy, we have called Director Theo. Mees, Ph. D., of the Woodville Seminary, who accepted our call, and entered his work at our Institution in September, 1903. The branches assigned him are Logic, Psychology and Hebrew.

The appropriation made for that purpose by Synod, has enabled us to appoint the Rev. E. G. Tressel, A. M., B. E. O., Columbus, Ohio, as instructor in Voice Culture and Elocution. The Rev. J. C. Schacht, A. B., pastor of Christ Church, who is receiving some support from our Board, acts as spiritual advisor of the students, and is ready to render such services in religious instruction of the students as we may require. Prof. E. Pfeiffer, A. M., has been designated "Professor of the German Language," and Prof. G. K. Leonard, A. M., is designated "Curator."

II. THE STUDENTS.

The health and general deportment of our students has been good. In point of numbers, we have made a slight gain over all losses, it being exceedingly difficult to persuade young men to enter our Institution whose aim especially is to prepare men for the ministry. The outlook grows brighter. In June, 1903, we graduated eleven men, and in 1904, seven; of the former all have entered the Theological Seminary, and probably most of the latter will.

III. DEGREES.

The only degrees conferred by the Board, in the past two years, were those conferred on our graduates: the degrees of A. B. and B. S. In answer to an inquiry as to how the higher degrees, A. M., Ph. D., and D. D., may be attained, the following general statement was made:

The degrees A. M. and Ph. D., may be given only for work submitted and approved, while the degree D. D., will be conferred as an honorary degree. Applicants or their friends are referred to the Faculty or to the Board.

The Faculty has been directed to prepare a plan or course, which will lead to the conferring of the A. M. and Ph. D. degrees.

IV. CHANGES IN THE COURSE OF STUDY.

After thorough consideration we have found it best to take the study of Hebrew from the College to the Seminary.

V. AUDITORIUM AND GYMNASIUM.

For years we have felt the need of an auditorium and gymnasium. The want of the former is emphasized especially at each commencement. We have tried to hold our exercises in a large tent, and then again in the open air, but are almost invariably driven for shelter into the church across the way or into a fourth-story hall, neither of which are suitable, and our exercises suffer. And the want of the latter, as seen in the ill health of many of our former students, is an argument that cannot be gainsaid. Both these wants could be met in one building.

The worthy President of Capital University suggested to the Board, and we have endorsed a plan, to see what can be done in regard to such building, so that we might present data to the Joint Synod at its present bi-ennial convention.

Along with other work, he has attended also to this and has secured $6,200 in provisional subscriptions for such proposed building, and the Board's Executive Committee will present tentative plans and estimates of cost to your honorable body, as a basis for the discussion of the project.

VI. PROFESSORS' RESIDENCES.

At its convention of 1902, Joint Synod authorized the board to invest the Institution's funds in a professor's residence to be built on Capital University grounds, provided such residence would net 5% on the cost of the same in rent. Such residence has been erected at a cost of $3,350, and has been taken by Prof. Pflueger, A. M., who agrees to pay $50 annually for repairs and the taxes, if any, in addition to the 5% on the cost of the building.

We would petition your honorable body for consent to erect another such residence on the college grounds, to be taken by Prof. Theo. Mees, Ph. D.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

A letter directed to the Institution, but which needs Synod's consideration, accompanies this report.

The land east of the Institution, is still on our hands, inasmuch as we have received no acceptable offer.

The Constitution of our Board has recently been revised to bring it into conformity with present conditions in the institution, as to government, etc.

As to the appropriation necessary for Capital University in the coming two years, Prof. G. K. Leonard, A. M., Asst. Treasurer of the Board, will give your honorable body information.

Praying God's blessing upon your deliberations,

We are, respectfully,

L. H. BURRY, *Secretary.* E. G. TRESSEL, *President.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) We consider the action of the Board of Directors in paying $400.00 annually toward the support of the pastor of Christ's church, near the institution, unauthorized. Whereas, however, it is absolutely necessary that the students of Capital University have pastoral care, we recommend that a special appropriation of $400.00 annually be made from the Institution Treasury.

b) We recommend that Synod approve the erection of an auditorium and gymnasium on the Capital University grounds, the cost not to exceed $10,000.00; the money to be raised by Dr. L. H. Schuh in the manner heretofore pursued, and the building operations not to be begun until the money shall have been collected.

c) We recommend that Synod authorize the Board to erect not one, but two, residences for professors, under the stipulated conditions passed two years ago.

d) We recommend that the use of the hall on fourth floor at Capital University for public gatherings, be prohibited.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item a adopted.

Item b. This item evoked a lengthy discussion. In support of this proposition, especially three reasons were advanced:

First, we need an auditorium. At present we have no suitable place for larger gatherings, such as commencement, lectures and entertainments. It is felt that Christ's church is not even a suitable place for commencement exercises, much less for other events. The hall of the University in the fourth story, often

used on such occasions, is considered absolutely unsafe and dangerous, little less than a fire-trap, and if inspected would be condemned. This fact, together with the smallness of the hall, keeps many people from attending such events.

Second, we need such a building for physical exercise. The necessity of physical culture is becoming more and more recognized in all public institutions of learning. Inclement weather does not permit outdoor exercise but for a limited time during the year.

Third, we need better sanitary conditions. The present arrangement is not only a menace to health, but a disgrace. This fact alone has gained many friends for the movement.

On the other hand it was replied, that under the existing conditions, with an enormous debt resting upon us, it would not be wise to undertake the erection of such a building for the present. The fear was also expressed, that the raising of funds for this purpose, would greatly curtail our income for the current expenses of our institutions. When, however, it was stated that $6,600.00 have already been subscribed for such a building, which money can be used for no other purpose, this item was adopted by a vote of 50 for and 17 against.

c and d adopted.

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

In the name of the board of directors of Luther Seminary, the undersigned begs leave to submit the following report to the honorable Joint Synod:

By the grace of God, the work of our institution has also, during the last two years, progressed and been richly blessed. The Lord has spared us from sickness, accidents, and harm. Our honorable professors have served our institution faithfully and successfully. The diligence and conduct of our students has generally been satisfactory.

In the scholastic year 1902-1903 the number of pupils was forty, of which seven, after passing their examinations, entered the ministry; in the year 1903-1904 there were fifty students in attendance; of these, three graduated. Although the number of students has increased, since the last synodical meeting, there are more Christian young men needed in our institution to prepare themselves for the ministry.

Two years ago, synod approved of putting steam-heating in our institution in place of the old hot air system. This has been done, and it has proven satisfactory in every way. The cost has been paid out of the sum allowed by synod.

Mr. Martin Allwardt resigned his position as janitor of the institution. He gave as reason that there was not sufficient work for the salary he received. The Board of directors and professors were of a different opinion, however. Mrs. D. Lange acts as cook in place of Mrs. M. Allwardt. A student has been appointed to attend to the heating of the building, which has given entire satisfaction.

Our institution experienced an important change during the past year. Prof. W. D. Ahl, after fifteen years of faithful and successful service, asked the board for dismissal in order to accept a call as pastor in one of our congregations. The board was obliged to grant his request. Rev. W. C. Witte became his successor, and has thus far justified the confidence placed in him.

In place of the deceased Rev. E. Knorr, Rev. W. Ganschow has been appointed as member of the board of directors.

The erection of a dwelling for one of our professors, near the institution, has thus far been impossible. Building has been so high in St. Paul during the past year, that the conditions under which synod allowed to build, could not be fulfilled. It is to be hoped that ways and means may soon be found that the dwelling may be erected.

For the following two years several important repairs are in view. The plaster drops from many places of the walls and ceiling. The interior

woodwork and windows need painting. We, however, will be able to meet the expenses of the institution with a somewhat smaller appropriation than heretofore.

Finally, the honorable Joint Synod is reminded that the term of office of the following persons has expired: Dr. H. A. Allwardt, Rev. J. D. Meyer and Mr. F. Warnke.

Respectfully,

J. D. MEYER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. WHEREAS, The Board of Luther Seminary has by strict economy remained within the bounds of its appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Luther Seminary needs additional teaching force; and

WHEREAS, A mission near our Seminary desires a pastor and will contribute to his support; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to Synod the calling of a fourth professor for the Luther Seminary, who shall also serve the mission as pastor; the Institution Board to assume one-half of his support and the Mission Board to guarantee the other half.

2. We recommend the ratification of Rev. W. Ganschow's appointment as member of the Board.

Adopted.

After some discussion, in which the necessity of more theological teaching force was emphasized, the first proposition was unanimously adopted by Synod.

Item 2 adopted.

TEACHERS' SEMINARY, WOODVILLE, O.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

In pursuance of an order by the board of directors of our Teachers' Seminary, the undersigned begs leave to present the following points:

It seems that in the history and development of our Teachers' Seminary, we have reached the epoch, when the answering of an important question can no longer be postponed, to-wit: Shall our Teachers' Seminary be continued as usual, or shall it cease to exist?

Only with considerable difficulty a successor to Director Theo. Mees could be secured. Prof. E. Gerfen accepted the call as director and took charge of his duties last year, but, alas, a year thereafter he resigned again as director of the Seminary. For conscientious reasons on the part of Dir. Gerfen, the board accepted his resignation, June 15, 1904. (See minutes of meeting of board on that date.)

The board has met since that date for the purpose of calling another director and synod will be orally informed of the result.

The number of pupils in our Seminary during the last two scholastic years has experienced an increase of three new students. This increase, however, dates only since New-Year, 1904.

In regard to the financial condition of the institution, the outlook is a favorable one.

The Board prays Joint Synod earnestly to assume the building debt of $5,800, which still rests upon that institution.

Praying that divine wisdom and blessing may guide and encourage the Honorable Joint Synod in considering the affairs of our dear Teachers' Seminary, I subscribe, by order of the board,

P. RAETHER, *President of the Board.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

a) WHEREAS, The maintaining of parish schools is essential to the welfare of our Church, be it

Resolved, That the importance of the work being carried on at Woodville Seminary be emphasized.

b) We recommend that Woodville be opened to young ladies who wish to take the prescibed course.

c) That the preparatory and scientific departments and two professorships be transferred from Capital University to Wood-

ville Seminary, leaving Capital University mainly a feeder to the Columbus Seminary.

d) We recommend that the Board of Woodville Seminary provide for the liquidation of the debt of $5,800.00.

e) Inasmuch as a director should be elected for the Woodville Seminary, we recommend that the rules of election be suspended for this election, and that a director be elected for Woodville at the present session of Synod.

f) We propose Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, of Sandusky, Ohio, for the position of director at Woodville Seminary.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

a adopted.

Item *b* evoked considerable discussion. The dangers of such arrangement were cited. The fear was expressed, that male teachers would eventually be crowded out. It was also claimed that female teachers would not remain long in the work, entering the state of matrimony, and we would thus always have inexperienced teachers.

On the other hand it was emphasized, that we need teachers, and that ladies make very efficient teachers in the lower classes. If this be true, why deprive them of the privilege of being prepared for parochial school teachers. This item was then adopted by a vote of 48 for and 12 against.

Item c. The opinion was expressed that consolidation would be advantageous under present conditions. It was stated that an academic education is practically the same in all institutions of learning, and hence consolidation would be a great saving of expense and an increase in efficiency.

On the other hand it was said, that such a consolidation would only prove harmful to Woodville, that it would destroy the character of Woodville as a Teachers' Seminary. The branches taught might practically be the same, but the methods of instruction and the spirit of the school would be essentially different. Our Teachers' Seminary is a necessity for the future and welfare of our Synod. The decrease of students at Woodville has its natural causes. The change in our beneficiary system worked detrimental to this institution as well as to others, as also the fact that we had a surplus of teachers some years ago, which

discouraged many to take up this profession. Even if this consolidation were effected, there would have to be some kind of a Preparatory Department at Capital University for older students, who could be received in the college, but who are deficient in some particular branches. The removal of the Preparatory Department to Woodville does not imply a removal of the students. The former is possible; the latter doubtful.

Item c was lost.

Items d and e adopted.

Item *f* was unanimously adopted with the explanation, that the sense of this resolution is not only a nomination, but an election of a director. Hereupon Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, of Sandusky, Ohio, was elected unanimously by Synod as Director of our Woodville Seminary.

In this connection the question was raised, inasmuch as the number of students has greatly decreased at this institution, whether it is advisable to begin the school year at the regular time? In answer to this question the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we permit the Faculty and Board of Woodville to suspend the instruction for the present, and to use the teaching force during the interim in some advantageous manner.

PERTAINING TO ALL INSTITUTIONS.

REPORT OF PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY SYNOD.

a) Your committee recommends, that the Boards of all our Institutions be instructed to equip the buildings with adequate fire escapes and institute a regular fire drill among the students.

b) We report adversely on the request of the Wisconsin District in regard to the support of indigent students during the first year.

LIMA COLLEGE.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

In answer to the overtures made to this body by the Lima College Association,

Resolved, That if said Association will dispose of its property and turn over into the hands of this Synod the proceeds of such sale, and other assets in their possession, we promise to use such funds for the purpose for which they were given.

Later the following was offered to Synod and tabled for two years:

Be it resolved: 1. That Synod extend to Lima College its good wishes and favor.

2. That permission be extended to the President of Lima College to collect moneys and funds for Lima College in the congregations of Synod, under conditions to be stipulated by the President of Synod.

Provided: 1. That the charter and constitution of Lima College be so altered as to make only members of the Joint Synod of Ohio eligible to membership in Lima College Association and the Board of Trustees of Lima College.

2. That Synod have the right to elect one-third of the members of the Lima College Board of Trustees; and

3. That Lima College Association guarantee to Synod that, in the event of a discontinuance of the school and the sale of the property, the proceeds of such sale fall to Synod, to be used according to the original intent of the founders of the institution.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

In the name of the above mentioned board of the Orphans' Home at Richmond, Ind., the undersigned herewith reports concerning the condition of this institution of charity as follows:

Under the gracious protection and blessing of God, the Orphans' Home has completed the twenty-fifth year of its existence. Looking back not only upon the two years just closed, but upon the twenty-five years of gracious direction and faithful support of the Father of the orphans, from the time of the founding of this institution, we can not forbear praising and glorifying the grace of our heavenly Father, which we enjoyed so abundantly during this period. The Lord has bestowed upon us all that we needed for the support of the body. He spread His protecting hand over this house, and over the entire orphan family. He also made willing the hearts and hands of the orphan friends to perform, through gifts of love, the work entrusted to us in behalf of the orphans, so that they could receive bodily care and a Christian training.

Moved by this enjoyment of the rich blessings of the Lord, the board resolved to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution on the 29th of May of the present year in connection with the annual Orphans' Home festival. The former housefathers were especially invited to this festival, and the day, according to the preparations and invitations sent to our congregations, became a day of praise and thanksgiving; and hundreds of orphan friends came from far and near, and, as they were encouraged by sermons and hymns, offered due thanks to God with hearts and hands. As a permanent memorial of this, a brief history of the Orphans' Home was published in the spring of this year according to the resolutions of the Board. Here a report of the establishment of the home, as also of the principles that govern us in its management is given. The history was published in both languages and is sold at twenty-five cents a copy, the proceeds flowing into the Orphans' Home Treasury.

The orphan family, including the confirmed boys and girls, consists of 62 members; orphans under 14 years, 51, viz., 31 boys and 20 girls;

The state of health among the children, thanks to God, was good during the past two years. The Lord graciously protected us against dangerous diseases, deaths, and other heavy misfortunes.

Since the spring of 1903, teacher F. Wiechert is at the head of the school. In November of 1902, teacher C. H. Schmidt resigned; he served in the orphan school with great faithfulness and diligence and was therefore upon his urgent request honorably dismissed. After Easter

of 1903, teacher F. Wiechert entered upon his duties. Teacher B. Hahm, who served as teacher one and one-half years, was honorably dismissed upon his own request. Since that time teacher Wiechert has been alone in the school. The number of pupils is at present 46. Instruction is given in both languages, German and English, in religion as also in the elementary branches. Several times the teacher has applied to the Board for an assistant, not because the number of pupils is too large, but on account of the many classes and the instruction in both languages. However, we did not venture to call a second teacher, as the number of pupils is small, although we are convinced that one teacher is not able to do what should be done for our orphans. We submit this matter to synod for a decision.

A teacher's residence has been secured. The teacher has occupied the house built for him since the fall of last year. The building was erected according to the instruction of synod for a little less than $2,000; the money for this purpose was raised by contributions from our congregations together with the proceeds of the orphan festival of last year. The treasurer will report the exact amount expended for this purpose.

We report with regret that Rev. G. Long felt constrained to resign his office, as housefather in February of the present year, his resignation to go into effect the first of April. We succeeded, however, in securing teacher G. Maier for the place temporarily, until it can be permanently filled. At an extra meeting last February, the Board called a housefather, though without success. Since that time teacher Maier and wife serve the home with their usual faithfulness and conscientiousness, though with the expectation that before the coming winter a permanent housefather be called. At its last meeting in August the Board also considered the question of a housefather, but failed to come to any conclusion. For this reason we submit the matter of calling a housefather for the home to Synod, or request at least that suitable men for the place be proposed. May God whose blessings have visibly rested upon us during these 25 years, grant that at the election of a new housefather the proper man may be found.

Last fall we also succeeded in securing a successful gardner and farmer in the person of Charles Atzinger. He and his wife, former orphans of the home, occupy the residence on the 58 acre farm; the house was thoroughly repaired to make it suitable for occupancy. Mr. Atzinger does his work to the entire satisfaction of the Board; and he succeeded also, as the following report will show, not only in raising farm and garden produce, fruits and vegetables enough for the home, but in converting some of the products into cash, which he turned over to the treasurer of the home. His report is as follows: "We have at present 4 horses, 11 cattle, 7 of these being milk cows; 10 hogs, 16 pigs, about 100 chickens. The farm crops for this year look promising, though if the drought continues our expectations might not be fulfilled. We have now sold $117.00 worth of garden produce." Apples are rare; there are some pears, grapes are abundant, in short the garden shows the effects of diligent labor.

Also within the past two years the Orphans' Home received several legacies and donations, concerning which the treasurer will report more in detail. The Orphans' Home as also the farm buildings are in a fair condition, although a constant expenditure is necessary to keep them in the proper repair. A wagon shed with corn crib was built last fall. It will become necessary again this year to make extensive repairs in the home itself, especially the windows, frames, sills, and the like. On the financial condition of the institution the treasurer and financial secretary will report.

Two gifted boys were confirmed last spring, and these are willing to prepare themselves for the office of the ministry. The teacher and housefather give them the best testimonial of moral character. Can these be received into our institutions as beneficiaries?

Finally I have yet to report that the term of office of three members of the Board expires this year, namely, the time of Mr. J. Roselius, Rev. J. Beck, and Rev. W. F. Helle.

May God continue to rule over our Orphans' Home by His grace, and awaken ever more such hearts as are willing to serve Him in these children.

In the name of the Orphans' Home Board,

W. F. Helle.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. We greatly regret that the Board of the Home has repeatedly sent in the report to the President of Synod so late, that it could not be presented in printed form.

2. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the grace of God which has for twenty-five years rested upon the institution.

3. We recommend that, in case the work of the teacher be too burdensome, the housefather assist in instruction of the children.

4. We recommend that the calling of a housefather be left to the Board.

5. In answer to the question whether orphan boys can be received as beneficiaries at our institution in Columbus, we advise the Board to apply to the Beneficiary Boards of the various Districts.

6. We recommend that children to be received into the Home, be placed, by written legal consent on the part of parents or guardians, under the absolute control of the Board.

7. We recommend the following rules for the Children's Home at Mars, Pa., and for the Wernle Orphans' Home so far as they do not conflict with rules already in force:

I. FOR THE RECEPTION OF CHILDREN.

a) Such children shall be received as have been deprived of parental oversight.

b) In the reception of children, those from our congregations shall have the preference, but others also may be received.

c) As a rule, children over fourteen or under two years of age, shall not be received.

d) Also such children as are afflicted with incurable diseases shall not be received.

e) As to the reception of children, the decision is to be made by the Board of Directors; in case of necessity, by the Executive Committee; in exceedingly urgent cases, by the Housefather and the Matron.

f) At their reception, children must, by legal contract, be delivered to the Home by their parents, guardians or relatives, so that the education and care of the children is placed entirely in our hands.

g) A physician's certificate shall be required at the time of reception.

h) When possible, $1.00 per week shall be paid for each child, as long as it remains in the institution. Where this is not paid, the Board has control over the children.

i) Except in special cases, it shall be the object and aim of this Home to find for each child committed to its care, a home in a Christian family.

II. FOR THE PLACING OF CHILDREN.

a) Children shall be placed only with good Lutheran families; as a rule, only with such as belong to our congregations.

b) Wherever possible, such families shall adopt the children legally.

c) In other cases, children shall be given out till the completion of their eighteenth year, and shall then each receive from their foster-parents $100.00, together with a good and complete outfit of clothing, shoes, etc. The $100.00 shall be held in trust by the Home till said child shall have become of age.

d) The Board alone shall decide as to the placing of children.

III. FOR THE SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN PLACED OUT.

a) The Home reserves the right of supervision over every child placed, until the child shall have become of age, and, when necessary, of taking back such child.

b) This supervision the Home shall exercise through its pastor or housefather.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1-7 inclusive adopted.

The rules as given under 7 in the above report, shall obtain for the next two years and to be finally acted upon at the next meeting of Synod. In this connection the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of the Orphans' Home at Richmond, Ind., be instructed in future to report to us all moneys received and expended, from whatever source, in the interest of the Home.

Resolved, That the Board of the Orphans' Home is to have entire decision concerning all money received on festival occasions; yet all proper wishes of the Richmond congregations are to receive consideration on the part of the Board.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME, MARS, PA.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

With grateful hearts we look back over the past two years. They were years of human weakness and of divine blessing.

The new building at Mars is completed, and was dedicated Sunday, July 12th, 1903, after the removal from Allegheny had taken place, May 28th.

The mortgage of $7,000 which we held against St. John's Hospital has been paid and the remainder of our property in the city sold to the same institution for $8,000, and has been converted into a nurses' home.

The moneys thus realized, together with the contributions of our friends, have enabled us to place the whole institution at Mars free of debt.

Our next task will now be to erect a separate building for the children, as it is evident that old people and children can not be comfortably housed in the same building for any length of time. Quite a sum of money is already in the treasury for this purpose and other sums are in prospect. As synod in 1900 already granted us the right to erect such a children's home we will carry out this project in the near future.

Our family now numbers 22 old people and six children. Of the old people, two are perfectly helpless, and all suffer more or less from the infirmities of old age. Our deaconesses have been such faithful and self-sacrificing nurses that we can not be grateful enough to Almighty God for their services. It is to be deplored that so few are willing to enter this blessed calling. Here too it is true: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." With great patience and devotion our sisters do their arduous work. May God reward them.

We commend the whole work to the merciful care of Him who has promised not to forsake His people, not even in old age.

The terms of Rev. A. R. Kuldell and J. H. Hespenheide expire this year.

H. J. SCHUH, *President.*

A. R. KULDELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. With reference to the recommendation of the General President, that Synod should not entertain the motion to erect another building for orphans, we would call attention to the

Minutes of Joint Synod of 1900 (English, page 53), and move that we abide by said resolution.

2. We rejoice that the Board has succeeded in selling the property in Allegheny, in buying with the proceeds a tract of 18 acres at Mars, Pa., and in erecting thereon the necessary buildings free of debt. We also heartily endorse this action of the Board.

3. We are thankful that the Lord has given us such faithful helpers in the deaconesses of this institution.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 was adopted after a lengthy discussion, with the following amendment: In order to preserve the temporary character of the Home at Mars, Pa., all children which cannot be placed in families should be sent to the Orphans' Home at Richmond, Ind.

At first the sentiment was strongly against the erection of an Orphans' Home at Mars, Pa. It is the conviction, that the Christian family is the only ideal home, that no Orphans' Home, however well conducted, can prove a substitute. The conviction is also growing more and more, that the modern arrangement in State and Church in vogue in many places, of directly providing homes for children in private families, is proving more feasible and satisfactory. Experience has proven that where this system has obtained, the applications for children have exceeded the number of children on hand. This being true, a modest building would suffice.

On the other hand it was said that any system is defective, that the new system of providing for orphan children has not yet been thoroughly tested and can not be given precedence to a system in vogue in Christendom for so many hundred years. Time only would tell which plan is preferable. It is true that families, even Lutheran, often apply for children, which are entirely unfit to provide for them, and that others often ask for orphan children, not for the good of the children, but for their own profit. But this abuse would apply to any system.

When, however, it was made clear that the Orphans' Home at Mars, Pa., should be only a temporary home, and that Synod

should not be held responsible for the maintenance of the same, this item was adopted unanimously.

In this connection the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the question of how we can best care and provide for orphans, whether at Orphans' Homes or otherwise, be referred to the different Districts for discussion and to report the same to Synod in two years.

Items 2 and 3 adopted.

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Honorable Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

In regard to the Pastors' and Teachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund the Hon. Synod passed the following resolutions at Michigan City two years ago:

1. "That the rule be henceforth observed that every pastor, professor and teacher annually contribute one per cent. of his salary to this fund; also that every congregation of Joint Synod hold a collection once in the year for the benefit of this fund; each district shall appoint its own collector or treasurer, whose duty it shall be to see to it that this resolution be promptly and conscientiously carried into effect." In as far as this plan has been faithfully executed during the past two years, it proved to be especially beneficial, and the treasurer of this fund takes pleasure in reporting the receipt of $5,979.53 for 1904 against $4,250.81 for the year 1902. The Washington, Wisconsin and Minnesota Districts deserve special praise for their contributions to this fund. If all other districts would likewise do their duty, a double amount could be obtained.

2. Synod also decided who should be supported, and gave the Board definite instructions as to the administration of the fund. In order that these resolutions may be carried out more satisfactorily, the Board begs leave to present to the Hon. Synod for adoption with this report a question blank, which shall be filled out every year by the applicant for support and endorsed by the respective pastor and president of the district to which the applicant belongs. The amount of support designated for each applicant depends in the end upon the amount of cash on hand, provided debts are not to be made.

3. Such widows as have been supported heretofore on account of the services to the Synod of their deceased husbands rather than of actual need, should receive a certain sum as an annual "Honorarium" from the general treasury. We recommend that this be done in the case of Mrs. Prof. Lehmann.

4. To meet the wishes of many, that a change in the name of the fund be made, we propose that it be called the "Aid Fund" of the Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, or as the Western District would prefer, The "Pension Fund" of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States.

5. Shortly after adjournment of Synod two years ago, Teachers G. A. Gohl and J. J. Seitz handed in their resignations as members of

the Board. Teachers C. Vogel and H. Zimmermann were appointed in their place by the Hon. President. Dr. Schuette. As the time of Rev. G. Mochel, Teacher H. Zimmerman and J. Niemann as members of the Board has expired, an election for new members has become necessary.

In the name of the Board,

Rev. G. Mochel, *President.*
Rev. J. Bauch, *Treasurer.*
Teacher C. Vogel, *Secretary.*

The Board of Administration of the Pastors' and Teachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund is instructed by resolution of Joint Synod of Ohio and other States to carry out conscientiously the purpose of this Fund. (See proceedings of the 36th convention at Michigan City, Ind., August 21-27, 1902.)

Since in course of time the condition of the beneficiaries naturally changes—with some for the better and with others for the worse—and about which information should be had, the Board requests each applicant for necessary information. We therefore request the applicants to answer the following questions, which, after being endorsed by the pastor loci and respective president of the district, should be forwarded to the treasurer of the Board under the following address:

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Application for Support to the Board of Administrators of Pastors' and Teachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Answers to the Following Questions.

1. Name and age of applicant.....
2. Is she (or he) well or sickly?.....
3. Does she (or he) possess property, and what is the value of same?
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4. Has she (or he) an annual income, and how much?.....
5. Are the parents still alive?.....
6. Are they able and willing to help the applicant in some way, and to what extent?.....
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7. Number and age of children under 14 years? .....
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8. What is the profession and salary of the grown-up children?
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9. Does she (or he) belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio? .....
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10. What is the amount of support desired? $.....

Remarks concerning certain conditions that are not covered by the above questions. .....
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Applicant's signature .....
Address .....
Endorsement of pastor to whose congregation the applicant belongs.
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Recommendation of the Honorable President of District.....
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REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. We agree with what the General President, in his report, says concerning the gathering of moneys for this fund.

2. We recommend that the name of this fund be changed to Pension Fund.

3. For the administration of this fund we recommend the following regulations:

a) All beneficiaries of this fund must belong to the Joint Synod of Ohio and other States.

b) Each District, at its regular meeting, shall appoint a collector for the fund, whose duty it shall be to report on the contributions made in the District during the past year, and to report likewise the names of all within the District already receiving aid, and the names of any in the District entitled to receive aid.

c) Each District shall, by resolution, place upon the list of beneficiaries the names of those in its midst entitled to aid and shall at once officially notify the treasurer of the fund, who shall then make payment to the persons designated and shall report to the President of the District all transactions concerning the beneficiaries in the District in time for the District meetings.

4. Pensions shall be allowed as follows:

a) Pastors, teachers, professors, disabled for service, who have served the Synod less than 20 years, $100.00 annually.

b) Pastors, teachers, professors, disabled for service, who have served more than 20 years, $200.00 annually.

c) Widows, as long as they remain such, of pastors, teachers or professors who have served the Synod less than 20 years, $100.00 annually.

d) Widows, as long as they remain such, of pastors, teachers or professors who have served the Synod more than 20 years, $200.00 annually.

e) Children of deceased pastors, teachers and professors of Synod, up to 14 years of age, $50.00 each annually, as long as the mother remains a widow.

5. Those entitled to pension, but not in need of the same, are expected to decline it.

6. All payments shall be made quarterly, according to the calendar year.

7. The Pension Fund shall be administered by a Treasurer elected by Joint Synod.

8. These regulations shall go into effect January 1, 1906.

9. The present Board shall be dispensed with at the above-named date.

10. All previous rules and regulations conflicting with those here presented are hereby repealed.

11. We move that the annuity voted to Mrs. Prof. Lehman at the Ft. Wayne meeting of Joint Synod, be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

12. We recommend that the appointment of Teacher C. Vogel as member of the Board of Aids by the General President, be ratified by Synod.

13. *Resolved,* That the constitution be waived and rules suspended and Mr. J. Niemann, Woodville, Ohio, be elected by acclamation as a member of the Board of Aids to succeed himself.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 *adopted.*

The explanation was given that the paying of one per cent. of salary is not to be regarded in any sense as legal, but is to

indicate how much on an average pastors and teachers are expected to contribute.

Items 2-10 inclusive, were referred to the Districts for consideration and action at the next meeting of Synod.

Items 11-13 *adopted.*

MISSIONS.

HOME MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

COLUMBUS, O., August 1, 1904.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — While preparing the tenth biennial report concerning the work of our synod on the Home Mission Field, we are reminded of the words of David: "Bless the Lord, O, my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103, 2.

During the past two years the good Lord continued to bestow His abundant blessings upon our efforts. This is apparent not only in the number of congregations which have become self-supporting within this period, but also in the constantly increasing interest taken in our work on the part of our older, and, we dare say, especially on the part of our erstwhile mission congregations. This interest manifests itself in the ever increasing offerings for the mission cause. To God be all the praise and glory!

In regard to the work done and the present standing of the same, we submit the following:

ORGANIZATION.

On the 15th of September, 1902, the board, as elected and enlarged by synod at Michigan City, Ind., met for the purpose of organizing. Prof. K. Hemminghaus was chosen Chairman, Rev. J. Beck, treasurer of the Mission Funds; Rev. W. L. Spielmann, treasurer of the Building Fund; Rev. J. H. Schneider, secretary and Prof. A. Pflueger and Prof. S. A. Singer, auditing committee. In order, as much as possible, to avoid special meetings of the board, an Executive Committee, composed of Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Rev. W. L. Spielmann and Rev. J. H. Schneider, was appointed.

CHANGES.

Owing to a lack of time, Prof. S. A. Singer, soon after the organization of the board, found it necessary to resign as a member of the same. In his place Rev. P. F. Hein, with the approval of the Hon. General President, was elected. He accepted the position under the condition that his term continue only until the next meeting of the Joint Synod. A severe nervous trouble prevented Rev. J. Beck from attending the meetings of the board. When, finally, he was able again to come, he was constrained to resign his treasuryship. Rev. P. F. Hein was elected to fill this vacancy. Synod certainly owes a debt of gratitude to Rev.

Beck for his long and faithful services, which extended uninterruptedly over a period of 19 years. In February, 1904, Dr. L. H .Schuh resigned as a member of our board. This was due to the fact that he was absent from the city quite frequently on Mondays, the regular time of our meetings. Since only a few months intervened between this resignation and the meeting of Joint Synod, it was deemed advisable not to fill the vacancy.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

The following fields have assumed the full support of their pastors: Baltimore, Md., Rev. H. H. Ackler; Billings, Minn., Bird Island, Minn; Cameron, Idaho; Coraopolis, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio, Rev. P. G. Bergener; Davenport, Wash.; Deer Park, Wis.; Fairfield, Wash.; Medical Lake, Wash.; Portland, Oregon; Princeton, Minn.; St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Beiswanger; Spokane, Wash., German Congregation; Titonka, Iowa; Walla Walla, Wash.; Youngstown, Ohio. These are seventeen in all.

NEW WORK

Was begun at Akron, Ohio; Brady's Bend, Pa.; Baltimore, Md., St. James Congregation; Brush Lake, N. Dak.; Columbus, Ohio, St. Matthew's Congregation; Dillsborough, Ind.; Elkhorn, Wis.; Gladwin, Mich.; "Greater Pittsburg;" La Grande, Oregon; Lind, Wash.; Minot, N. Dak.; Madison, S. Dak.; Nasonville, Wis.; Olympia, Wash.; Redlands, Md.; South Haven, Mich.; San Antonio, Texas; Tell City, Ind.; Wabash, Ind.; Rev. Merz, employed in the Washington District,—making twenty-two places in all. The English congregation at Spokane, Wash., was, after many vain attempts, at last supplied with a pastor and is evidently doing very well.

DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS

For the supplying of several fields had to be made as follows: *At Akron, Ohio,* our congregation is, for the present at least, served by the pastor of an English Lutheran congregation, which withdrew from the Missouri Synod. *Elkhorn, Wis.,* was made vacant when Rev. H. D. Cull removed to Marion, Ind. As far as we know, the place is looked after by neighboring pastors. *Ginger Hill, Pa.,* was entrusted to the Pittsburg Conference. *Lisbon, Ohio,* was advised to join itself to Salem, Ohio. *Pontiac, Mich.,* is in the hands of the Detroit Conference. *South Boston, Va.,* is being served by Rev. G. Kittel, without remuneration from the Board.

VACANCIES.

Quite a number of places have been vacant for a long time. Call after call has been issued, but to no effect. Those vacancies are, as a rule, caused by older, self-supporting congregations calling our missionaries. Vacancies exist at: Astoria, Oregon; Bulverde-Salado, Texas; Columbus, Ohio; Chippewa Lake, Ohio; Dillsborough, Ind.; Puyallup, Wash.; Rising Sun, Del.; Sycamore Springs, Kas. As long as there are no more

students in our Seminaries, we can not expect to see our vacant mission congregations permanently supplied.

FAILURES.

At several places success was wanting to such a degree that work had to be discontinued. This was the case in the Cisco-Brownwood, Texas, field; in Chicago, English congregation; in Worth, N. C. The property in Chicago was disposed of at a price which covers the original purchase price. The work among the Slavonians at Cleveland, Ohio, was brought to a standstill, when Rev. Havel unexpectedly left the place. The Board has not, as yet, been able to find a pastor who could minister to those people in their own language.

SYNODICAL RESOLUTIONS.

The Board endeavored to carry out, as best it could, the resolutions of Joint Synod, touching the increasing of the missionaries' salaries, calling of mission teachers, and carrying out, in our mission congregations, of synod's practice over against the lodge members. It was not a difficult task to increase the salaries of our missionaries, seeing that the friends of our cause furnished the means, and the missionaries were quite ready to accept the increase in support. In several cases arrangements were made to call a teacher, but, for one reason or another, the undertaking was in no instance carried through.

Inquiries were made of a number of missionaries as to the position taken by their congregations against lodges. Some, who desired it, were advised how to proceed in dealing with lodge members inside or outside of the congregation. In reply to repeated requests to this effect, the Board gave the following as its understanding of synod's position over against the lodge:

1. No members of secret societies are to be received into membership.
2. Those who may already be members of a mission congregation must, if they are members of a lodge, be ready to receive instructions in this matter, and must leave the lodge whenever they see its sinfulness.

DEATH

Called out of the midst of his successful labors, Rev. A. Wendt, at Crookston, Minn., and released from her long continued suffering the wife of Rev. C. Buechler, of Peninsular, Oregon.

THANKS ARE DUE

Our worthy General President as well as the several District Presidents for the help rendered the Board.

SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

1. Since, almost without exception, changes in pastorates are hurtful to missions, and since the moving expenses entailed by supplying the

vacancies amount to quite a sum—$1,300 in the past two years—we would suggest that no missionary should, without careful consideration, be called away from his field.

2. Since the second paragraph of the Constitution of the Mission Board states that the board shall be composed of *five* members, and since Joint Synod, at its last meeting elected *seven* members, we would ask Synod to remove the discrepancy.

3. Since it was deemed advisable to divide the treasury, so that one man has charge of the Mission Funds proper while another has the Building Funds in his keeping, Synod should sanction this action and should fix the duties and the salary of each office.

4. Seeing that nothing but good can result to our mission congregations from its observance, we would call attention to the rule, that all appeals for continued aid from the mission treasury should annually be made by the congregations themselves. Their petition should be in writing and should be sent to the president of the district before the meeting of the district.

5. We would ask whether the Publication Board could not be empowered to send a limited number of our Church papers, throughout the whole year, to our missionaries for free distribution. We feel sure that the cost would soon be covered by new subscriptions to the papers.

6. Some moneys have been collected, about $350, for Rev. Lauritzen's mission at Knoxville, Tenn. The donors desire that the gifts pass through the Building Fund. Since, however, the proposed chapel is to be erected on leased ground, no *first* mortgage security can be given. What is the Board to do?

7. In Merrill, Wis., a congregation has disbanded. The Board was not aware of its decline. With the congregation has vanished our claim for $30 lent the same from the Building Fund. Accordingly this amount should be entered on the treasurer's accounts as lost.

ELECTIONS.

The following vacancies in the board must be filled:

1. Prof. A. Pflueger's time as Rev. Rohe's successor expires.... 1904.
2. Rev. J. H. Schneider's term expires..... 1904.
3. Dr. L. H. Schuh has resigned. His term expires..... 1906.
4. Revs. P. F. Hein's and W. L. Spielmann's terms were not specified. In case the board is to continue to be composed of *seven* members, their terms should be fixed.

The board at present stands composed of:

1. Prof. K. Hemminghaus, whose term expires..... 1908.
2. Rev. J. Beck, whose term also expires..... 1908.
3. Dr. L. H. Schuh—resigned—his term expires..... 1906.
4. Rev. P. F. Hein, this term is not determined.....
5. Rev. W. L. Spielmann, this term is also not determined.....
6. Prof. A. Pflueger, whose term expires..... 1904.
7. Rev. J. H Schneider, whose term expires..... 1904.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions	$36,740 93
Interest of Kamper Fund	374 72
Interest of Wachendorf Fund	6 00
Other Receipts	60 21
New Loans	3,600 00
Total	$40,781 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries, Moving and Traveling Expenses of Missionaries:

Rev. H. H. Ackler	$137 50
Rev. A. Affeld	829 08
Rev. J. E. Albrecht	243 98
Rev. C. W. Bachman	387 46
Rev. W. Beiswanger	25 00
Rev. F. Beiswenger	433 24
Rev. P. G. Bergener	50 00
Rev. O. A. Bertram	129 00
Rev. C. D. Besch	199 96
Rev. P. Brockhaus	195 30
Rev. C. Buechler	675 00
Rev. L. Coffman	97 60
Rev. P. Cornils	25 00
Rev. J. B. Cronek	349 95
Rev. H. D. Cull	108 32
Rev. J. Derhammer	455 00
Rev. E. A. Dobberstein	25 00
Rev. J. Doescher	805 00
Rev. J. F. Doescher	163 29
Rev. H. Drews	485 55
Rev. L. Drews	565 94
Rev. A. Eberle	744 83
Rev. P. Elsel	298 44
Rev. J. C. Felger	499 95
Rev. G. C. Fendler	450 95
Rev. L. Feistner	150 00
Rev. A. Fiebelkorn	206 01
Rev. C. D. Fischer	34 98
Rev. G. Finke	408 33
Rev. H. Flathmann	804 16
Rev. C Freseman	163 75
Rev. E. A. Giesel	127 34
Rev. A. F. Gillmann	691 64
Rev. R. J. Graetz	281 66
Rev. P. Groschupf	50 00

Rev. E. Haase	$24 99
Rev. W. N. Harley	114 74
Rev. L. Havel	374 98
Rev. C. H. Herrnstein	180 55
Rev. W. F. H. Heuer	380 00
Rev. H. Hofhenke	241 58
Rev. W. Hohberger	338 01
Rev. C. Hopf	166 66
Rev. O. Just	492 45
Rev. H. Kaufmann	85 50
Rev. W. L. Keller	441 63
Rev. G. Kittel	75 00
Rev. F. J. Klein	314 70
Rev. G. Knoblauch	243 30
Rev. G. Koehler	35 00
Rev. R. Kohlrusch	171 65
Rev. A. Krause	80 00
Rev. O. T. Kubitz	696 85
Rev. E. Lack	250 00
Rev. W. C. Lembke	575 00
Rev. G. W. Lose	283 30
Rev. E. Mack	316 62
Rev. O. Mees	50 00
Rev. A. Merz	178 32
Rev. C. E. Michaelis	120 95
Rev. J. Mittermaier, (for student)	50 00
Rev. S. H. Mollenauer	333 29
Rev. P. Mueller	75 00
Rev. Ph. Muench	656 24
Rev. J. Oberhammer	1,306 30
Rev. J. Oertel	387 63
Rev. G. Pauschert	602 65
Rev. L. Pflueger	172 41
Rev. M. Phillipp	262 66
Rev. C. Pohlmann	293 68
Rev. J. Reiff	66 08
Rev. J. H. Rexrode	61 10
Rev. F. Richter	50 00
Rev. H. Rieke	305 16
Rev. J. B. Ringle	213 95
Rev. A. H. Schaefer	249 96
Rev. E. Schalinski	91 76
Rev. G. Schaub	283 31
Rev. A. C. Schiff	500 00
Rev. B. F. Schillinger	558 28
Rev. P. Schimmel	100 00
Rev. E. Schimpfky	50 00
Rev. C. Schink	528 62

Rev. J. Schroeder	$241 92
Rev. E. Schulz	802 67
Rev. W. Seidel	183 29
Rev. J. M. Senter	87 50
Rev. J. Sittler	834 94
Rev. O. Sitzler	289 15
Rev. H. Specht	391 64
Rev. A. Spring	278 28
Rev. L. F. Tank	49 98
Rev. G. B. Tejan	167 93
Rev. H. Thedinga	138 84
Rev. F. J. Theimer	599 55
Rev. O. Tressel	312 50
Rev. J. J. Vollmar, Jr.	241 06
Rev. R. J. Voss	116 60
Rev. C. J. Waltner	966 57
Rev. O. Weber	125 00
Rev. C. Wellsandt	140 81
Rev. A. H. Wendt	320 80
Rev. B. L. Westenbarger	213 51
Rev. H. Wittrock	208 33
Rev. O. Wolff	249 96
Rev. J. Zaetschky	8 33
Rev. J. Zentner	33 33
Rev. W. Zimmerman	210 39
Additional traveling and moving expenses of Missionaries	822 44
Paid to other Pastors —	
Traveling expenses	93 83
Paid to Students —	
J. E. Albrecht	15 00
G. Bents	41 66
P. Cornils	25 00
C. Fischer	17 50
W. F. H. Kerl	135 42
Oscar Mees	43 74
A. P. Meyer	47 96
L. Mohrhoff	2 00
James Schillinger	25 00
O. Swinehart	33 33
Paid to Congregations —	
English Congregation, Spokane, Wash.	110 00
English Congregation, Chicago, Ill.	10 00
St. Peters' Congregation, Anamoose, N. D.	150 00
Congregation at S. Kaukauna, Wis.	25 00
Congregation of Rev. F. H. Meyer, Dayton, Ohio, for school	139 15

Paid to Members of Mission Board —		
Traveling expenses		$179 35
Salary of Rev. J. H. Schneider, Secretary		145 00
Salary of Rev. J. Beck, Treasurer		80 00
Salary of Rev. P. Hein, Treasurer		43 33
Expenses of Rev. W. L. Spielman, Treas. Building Fund		15 80
Interest paid —		
On loans of Mission Treasury		355 87
On loans of Building Board		540 00
Various expenses —		
Rev. C. A. Rhiel		55 00
Rev. A. Horn		100 00
Taxes in Hazel Park, St. Paul, Minn.		8 79
Recording legal documents		2 00
Loans cancelled		4,100 75
Stationery and stamps for Secretary		7 70
Stationery and stamps for J. Beck, Treas.		14 25
Stationery and stamps for P. Hein, Treas.		37 42
J. M. Coe Printing Co.		6 00
Drafts		1 50
Rev. J. Beck, deficit of August 1, 1902		49 19
Lutheran Book Concern		1,168 21
Total disbursements		$40,588 14
Total receipts		$40,781 86
Total disbursements		40,588 14
Balance August 1, 1904		$193 72

Missionaries' salaries are paid to August 1, 1904.

Indebtedness July 1, 1902	$3,700 00
Present indebtedness	3,200 00
Paid off	$500 00

July 1, 1902, there was a deficit of $42.19.
There is now a balance of $193.72.

Columbus, Ohio, August 1, 1904. PAUL F. HEIN, *Treas.*

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount of Fund July 23rd, 1902		$31,309 60
Less reduction of Hazel Park note (See Minutes 1902, p. 58, item 17)	$125 00	
Less error in report of 1902, in amount of debt of Immanuel's Cong., Tacoma, Wash.,	5 00	130 00
Actual amount in Fund, July 23, 1902		$31,179 60

New receipts, July 23, 1902—July 15, 1904	$6,154 17	
Less expenses of Fund	735 73	
	5,418 44	
Interest from Kansas City loan	60 00	
Total new receipts (net)	$5,478 44	5,478 44
Amount in Fund July 15, 1904		$36,658 04

MONEYS REFUNDED SINCE JULY 23, 1902.

Chicago, Ill., (Faith Cong.) part of sale price	$1,200 00
Cleveland, O., Frieden's Cong	78 00
Columbus, O., Emanuel's Cong	35 00
Columbus, O., St. Luke's Mission	61 00
Dallas, N. C.	20 00
Dayton, O., Christ Cong	475 00
Detroit, Mich., Christ Cong	90 00
Detroit, Mich., Good Hope Cong	40 00
Kalama, Wash.,	5 00
Kansas City, Mo.,	110 00
Lamberton, Minn.,	60 00
Lima, O., Zion's Cong	691 54
Marion, Ind.,	200 00
Massillon, O., Faith Cong.,	190 30
New Waterford, O.,	300 00
Salem, O.,	400 00
Salem, Oregon, Christ Cong.,	50 00
St. Paul, Minn., Seminary Note	25 00
St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Beiswanger's Cong.,	45 00
Washington, D. C., St. Matthew's Cong.,	250 00
Total	$4,325 84

Total refunded since July 23, 1902	$4,325 84
Total receipts in collections, etc. (net)	5,478 44
Total receipts	$9,804 28
Total paid out in loans, expenses, etc., since July 23, 1902	8,100 60
Balance in treasury July 15, 1904	$1,703 68

(More than this has, however, been already promised in new loans to congregations having applied for aid.)

The following congregations hold funds of this treasury:

Alpena, Mich.	$214 89
Astoria, Oregon	500 00
Avalon, Pa.	800 00
Balfour, N. Dak.	100 00

Baltimore, Md. (St. James Cong.)	$104 32
Baltimore, Md. (Faith Cong.)	400 00
Brookfield, Minn.	200 00
Canton, Ohio (Zion's Cong.)	304 30
Chicago, Ill. (Gnaden Cong.)	1,850 00
Chicago, Ill. (Faith Mission)	946 90
Cleveland, Ohio	289 83
Columbus, Ohio (St. Peter's Cong.)	2,035 40
Columbus, Ohio (St. Matthew's Cong.)	2,000 00
Columbus, Ohio (St. Luke's Cong.)	1,000 00
Coraopolis, Pa.	800 00
Crookston, Minn.	200 00
Dallas, N. C.	80 00
Dayton, Ohio (Christ Cong.)	325 00
Dayton, Ohio (Mission in East Dayton)	450 00
Detroit, Mich. (Christ Cong.)	402 55
Detroit, Mich. (Good Hope Cong.)	40 00
Franklin, Ohio	500 00
Gladwin County, Mich.	50 00
Hancock, Minn.	500 00
Kalama, Wash.	195 00
Kansas City, Mo.	2,890 00
Kaukauna, Wis.	18 80
Lamberton, Minn.	240 00
Lanark, Wis.	52 75
Madison, Wis.	1,300 00
Marion, Ind.	100 00
Martins Ferry, Ohio	500 00
Merrill, Wis.	30 00
Minot, North Dakota	200 00
Moench, Rev. A. (Personal loan)	4 00
Monessen, Pa.	500 00
Mountain Lake, Minn.	300 00
New Waterford, Ohio	200 00
Oregon City, Oregon	500 00
Portland, Oregon (St. John's Cong.)	1,008 27
Portland, Oregon (St. Paul's Cong.)	600 00
Pontiac, Mich.	167 00
Renville County, Minn.	125 00
Rising Sun, Del.	135 60
Salem, Oregon	450 00
Shenandoah County, Va.	16 90
Spokane, Wash. (English Cong.)	7,176 80
Tacoma, Wash.	129 55
Tonawanda, N. Y. (St. Paul's Cong.)	1,471 50
Washington, D. C. (St. Matthew's Cong.)	1,050 00
Total	$33,454 36

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RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Fund		$36,658 04
Amount in notes, mortgages, etc.	$33,454 36	
Loan to Missionary Treasury	1,500 00	
Total loans		34,954 36
Balance in Treasury July 15th, 1904		$1,703 68

W. L. SPIELMAN, *Treasurer.*

Thanking the brethren in the ministry for the confidence placed in us, the congregations for their encouragement, but above all our faithful God for His constant blessings, we remain

Your servants,

K. HEMMINGHAUS, *President.*
J. H. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary.*
P. F. HEIN, *Treas. of the Mission Funds.*
W. L. SPIELMAN, *Treas. of the Building Fund.*
J. BECK.
A. PFLUEGER.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY SYNOD.

1. With gratitude to our merciful Father, we note with pleasure the rich blessings which have attended our missionary efforts during the past biennium, and exclaim with the Mission Board in the words of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

2. To expedite business, the appointment of an Executive Committee by the Board was certainly a wise move, and we sanction it.

3. a) We regret that Rev. J. Beck was necessitated to resign as Treasurer of the Board, and we move a vote of thanks for his efficient and faithful services.

b) We recommend that Rev. Spielman's term shall end in 1908.

c) Your committee suggests that the constitution be so amended as to have seven members on the Board instead of five.

4. We rejoice that 17 mission points have become self-supporting and 22 new fields opened. While we regret that three fields had to be abandoned, yet we must acknowledge: "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

5. We regret that there are so many vacancies and so many new fields which could not be occupied, which should urge us to labor more zealously to secure more laborers for the Lord's vineyard.

6. We urge the Mission Board not to lose sight of the Slovak mission, and recommend that Synod endeavor to secure students from the *Gottes Kasten,* Germany, if necessary.

7. We rejoice that the Mission Board was able to raise the salaries of the missionaries, and hope that this may continue until our missionaries may be guaranteed a living salary.

8. We commend the Mission Board in carrying out the resolutions of Synod respecting Mission Schools, and recommend a continuation of the same.

9. We commend the Board for enforcing the resolutions of Synod respecting Secret Societies, and urge them to continue so to do.

10. We sanction the petition of the Board that missionaries be not called from their fields until those having the calling in charge, have first consulted the Board.

11. We sanction the action of the Board in dividing the treasury so that one man has charge of the Mission Funds proper and another of the Church Building Fund. We move that the salaries per annum be as follows: Treasurer of Mission Fund, $100.00; Treasurer of Building Fund, $75.00, and Secretary, $100.00; to be paid out of the Mission Treasury.

12. We urge the several Districts to see that Synod's resolution requiring congregations and missions to petition for the amount of support for their pastor, be strictly enforced.

13. We sanction the petition of the Mission Board authorizing our Publication Board to furnish a limited number of copies of our church papers to missionaries, to be distributed gratuitously when making pastoral visits.

14. We advise the Mission Board to abide by its rule, so far as practicable, not to loan money except on first mortgage; and ask Rev. J. R. Lauritzen to purchase a lot, so as to be able to comply with this rule.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With gratitude to God and the many friends of missions in our Synod, the undersigned is again permitted to submit his report, showing what has been given for foreign missions during the last two years.

Our Synod does not only take a greater interest in home mission work from year to year, according to the apostle's word, especially to those who are of the household of faith, but also heeds the Macedonian cry of the poor heathen, Come over and help us. And this so much the more, since everywhere there is an open door given us in order that the voice of the seventh angel in Holy Revelation may more and more become true: The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of the Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign from everlasting to everlasting.

Our Synod of Ohio and other states which during past years has supported the Hermannsburg Mission Society, not only feels itself constrained to ask for work where such is to be found, but is also in a position to do work in India, Persia and Africa, and since not only the spiritual need is great, but also the temporal, especially in Africa, through war and famine, so that they cry out: "What shall we eat and drink, and how shall we provide for our hungry and thirsty cattle;" therefore we dare not withdraw our hand from the plow, but must with renewed zeal and love support our mother at Hermannsburg and help her bear her burdens.

Mindful of the prolonged suffering in Africa, we exclaim with Paul: How unsearchable are his judgments. At the same time we know that among the heathen also they yield a peaceable fruit of righteousness, and that such visitations further God's cause; for "the Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works." There will be no peace, until Christ's love reigns, and until this whole earth is made His footstool.

Total income from July 16, 1902, to August 6, 1904.....	$9,580 44
Total expenditure during this time.....	9,499 84
Surplus	$80 60

Out of the above $73.22 were given for Missionary Shabaz and $618.22 for the famine stricken in Finland.

With this report the undersigned would be relieved of his office, and thanks the honorable Synod for the office of trust which he held in its bound for twelve years past. Respectfully,

J. G. Butz, *Treasurer.*

Zelienople, Pa., August 10, 1904.

By authority of the honorable president of Joint Synod, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., the undersigned have audited the report of Rev. J. G. Butz on Foreign Missions and found it correct.

Very respectfully your committee,

EDWIN JEHNER,
TOBIAS MEEDER,
EDWIN MEEDER.

Zelienople, Pa., August 10, 1904.

REPOFT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. We rejoice that our Foreign Mission Fund has been so well remembered, and we urge all contributors, for the sake of order, to forward all moneys through the Foreign Mission Treasury.

2. We move a vote of thanks to Treasurer J. G. Butz for his faithful service.

3. We welcome the presence of Pastor Karl Roebbelen, a representative of the Hermannsburg Mission Society, and hope that his sojourn with us will be mutually beneficial.

4. In respect to our relation with the Hermannsburg Mission Society we submit the following:

a) That we continue our support of the Hermannsburg Mission Society.

b) That for the present we do not undertake to establish an independent mission.

c) That to awaken greater interest, Synod may request the Hermannsburg Mission Society to assign stations in a district that will afford facilities for expansion, and eventually admit of the establishment of an independent mission.

d) That the management for the present remain under the control of the Hermannsburg Mission Society.

e) That the Hermannsburg Mission Society be obliged to submit, once a year, regular and full reports of these stations and of the Hermannsburg Mission Society work in general, and that a report of the important actions and resolutions of the Directors be expected.

f) That our Synod be entitled to representation at the meeting of the Board.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1-3 *adopted.*

Item 4, respecting the establishing of independent foreign mission stations, evoked considerable discussion. Rev. Karl Roebbelen, a representative of the Hermannsburg Mission Society, was now granted an opportunity to address Synod upon this matter. He presented the greetings of the Hermannsburg Mission Society, and expressed his joy that our Synod was manifesting more and more interest in foreign mission work. He stated that the Hermannsburg Mission Society was ready and willing to cite us fields of labor, where they had already begun work and where our moneys for foreign missions could be especially applied, but would retain the full supervision over such fields regarding finances, government, etc., and in all questions arising would retain the right to give the final decision. He also stated that they would gladly send us reports from such fields regarding the conditions, government, progress and administration of finances, but that such reports could not be sent to us directly from the fields, but would have to pass through the hands of the Hermannsburg Mission Society. The Society would also welcome a representative from our Synod at the meeting of their Board. Further, he gave a brief explanation of the relation of the Hermannsburg Mission Society and the State Church in Germany.

Rev. Roebbelen's address was followed by a lengthy and lively discussion of the whole situation. The desire, however, to begin foreign mission work on our own responsibility at some future time, became more and more apparent and recognized. Yet for the present it was decided that we continue to support the Hermannsburg Mission Society, with the understanding that they cite us certain fields of labor, where our moneys are to be especially applied.

Item 4 *a-f adopted.*

To carry out these resolutions, it was resolved, that the Hon. President appoint a committee of five members, who shall organize themselves as a Board of Foreign Missions. Upon motion the Hon. President and Treasurer of Foreign Missions were to be members of this board. The remaining members of this board, appointed by the President, are: Prof. K. Hemminghaus,

Prof. E. Pfeiffer, Pastor C. C. Hein; (advisory, by correspondence, Pastors E. A. Boehme and E. Schulz.)

COLORED MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Hon. Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN — Herewith your Board for Negro Missions presents its report for the past two years of its work. By the grace of God we have been enabled to meet the difficulties which this work presents, and have made some progress.

A. The work in Baltimore has not been as prosperous as we desire to see it, but the preaching of the Word of God and the teaching of its doctrines can not be in vain.

It pleased God in His wisdom to remove from his field of labor Rev. N. Carter, by death. The mission served by him has been in charge of the several pastors of the Baltimore Local Conference.

By the death of his father, Marmaduke Carter, who has been a student at Capital University, discontinued his studies and has undertaken the support of the family. The Board proposed to care for the family and continue the young man at school, but our proposition thus far has not met with the family's approval.

From the records, the following is the condition of the congregation:

Baptized members	51	Baptisms	5
Communicant members	34	Funerals	1
Sunday School	42	Marriages	3

The pastors on your Board have been instructing a class of four young people, which will be ready for confirmation in the fall.

To its own support the congregation has contributed in the past two years the sum of $142.75.

B. *St. Mark's Congregation, Charlotte, N. C.* — Rev. W. P. Phifer, pastor, has been supported in maintaining its church and school for the past two years. The pastor reports:

Baptized members	78	Sunday School	70
Communicant members	43	Parochial School	60

Financial contributions of the congregation, $127.72.

By resolution this congregation agrees to pay $170 per year toward their own support. Rev. W. P. Phifer has been called by the Board to take charge of St. Philip's congregation in Baltimore, and the call has been accepted.

The work in the South is more promising, and your Board proposes to pursue the work in that section more aggressively. It was resolved to call a man for the whole field, as superintendent, and the call has been twice extended, but we have not yet been successful. We petition Synod to approve our course and to render us assistance in selecting a man for this work.

Convinced of the fact that successful work can only be done with preachers of the colored race to missionate among their own people, we suggest to Joint Synod the establishment of a school in the South for the education of young men of the negro race for the ministry. The Superintendent to be called is also to be the teacher of our proposed school.

The following is the biennial report of our treasurer, Mr. A. G. Snyder:

June 25, 1902—To balance		$108 41
Received per Fred J. Heer		1,090 98
Received from pastors and teachers		1,523 31
To loan		200 00
Total		$2,922 70
Disbursements—		
Rev. N. Carter, salary	$711 00	
Parsonage (rent)	336 00	
Ground rent (Eden street)	120 00	
Funeral expenses (Rev. N. Carter)	72 00	
Students Burton and Carter, Capital University	430 04	
Student Carter, books, clothing and R. R. fare	74 24	
Student Burton, R. R. fare	18 50	
Revs. Carter and Phifer, expenses to Synod	26 00	
Traveling expenses, Revs Doermann and Snapp	38 20	
St. Mark's Cong., Charlotte, N. C.	684 00	
St. Mark's Cong., school desks	36 00	
Insurance	12 00	
Note	200 00	
Sundries	4 50	
Rev. J. Beck, coll. St. Philip's (Baltimore)	4 06	
		2,766 54
June 27, 1904, to balance		$156 16

We call attention of Synod to the expiration at this meeting of the term of Rev. J. F. Mueller and Mr. A. G. Snyder.

Most respectfully your Board,

J. J. Dobler, *President.*
J. F. Mueller, *Secretary.*
A. G. Snyder, *Treasurer.*
J. E. A. Doermann.
D. E. Snapp.

REPORT OF PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY SYNOD.

NEGRO MISSIONS.

1. With sincere regret we note the early demise of Rev. N. Carter, and commend his family to the tender mercies of our God, and hope that in spite of this loss our work will continue to prosper under the blessing of God.

2. In order to prosecute our work more effectually, we move that a General Superintendent be appointed who shall be amenable to the Board, and whose duties for the present shall be:

a) To take charge of the congregation at Charlotte, N. C.

b) To seek other and more fruitful fields.

3. Further, that the Board be authorized to make arrangements for the instruction of colored students for the ministry.

JEWISH MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Beloved Brethren and Fathers: — When we come before you this time to give account of the stewardship entrusted to us, it is with the profoundest gratitude to God who has so abundantly blessed our efforts in His name. Our work is not only difficult but very expensive, the latter because it must be carried on in large centers of population where the rates of living are high, and where the pitiful appeals of distress cannot always be ignored.

We are sorry that we cannot yet report a mission with all the auxiliaries necessary to efficient work. But we ought to be thankful for what the Lord has enabled us to do. Our president in addition to his parish work, has given a good deal of attention to the evangelization of Israel. In summer he preaches in the open air to crowds of Jews, and in the winter he gives instruction to such inquirers as are willing to search the Scriptures concerning the Christ of God.

The most hopeful and far reaching phase of our work is

THE DISSEMINATION OF JEWISH MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

One hundred copies of the missionary paper, called "Berith Am," are spread monthly among the Jews.

Fifty copies of a similar paper, called "Dibre Hayumim" are distributed bi-monthly.

By the grace of God, we have been enabled to supply a real want in the shape of missionary literature for cultured Jews speaking English:

1. "The Jewish View," a booklet of 47 pages, appeared in two editions of 3,000 and 5,000 copies each, doing excellent work for Christ.

2. "An Open Letter," was published in 3,000 copies, and the edition is exhausted.

3. "Reform Judaism and Primitive Christianity," is published in 3,000 copies and is being distributed throughout the land.

4. "Eine Unterredung mit Juden," is being published in a second edition.

5. "Das rechte Verhalten," a pamphlet to enlighten the conscience of the Christian with regard to Jewish missions, has appeared in a second edition of 3,000 copies. Friends of Israel in Germany and Russia helped to spread the first edition in the countries named. 500 copies of "The Jewish View," found their way into the hands of cultured Jews in England. Thus our work is not by any means confined to Pittsburg or even America. May the Lord richly reward the friends far and near who have helped His cause by their cooperation.

BAPTISMS.

Two sons of Israel were led to the Lord in holy baptism. Others who desired baptism after previous instruction could not be admitted for different reasons.

The wife of a German merchant whom we baptized last year and whose faith she at first bitterly opposed, will soon be baptized herself, if God spares us.

We conclude with the conviction that the laborers are few, whilst the harvest is great; we therefore call upon the brethren to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest. Rev. O. S. Oglesby's term of office expires this year.

A. R. KULDELL.
O. S. OGLESBY.
OTTO F. MAYER.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY SYNOD.

JEWISH MISSIONS.

1. With hearty interest we note the work of our missionary, and we would encourage him to continue his labors, trusting that our people will continue to remember this treasury with their offerings, and that God will add His blessing.

2. Your committee recommends to Synod that the number of members of the Board of Jewish Missions be increased by two additional members.

MISSION IN AUSTRALIA.

In connection with the subject of Missions, a communication from Rev. J. H. S. Heidenreich, of Bethany, South Australia, was presented, asking to enter into closer synodical relation with us and to aid in support of congregations at that place by sending them pastors. A committee having this matter in hands, reported as follows:

Your Committee has in hand a communication from Rev. J. H. S. Heidenreich of Bethany, South Australia, asking to enter into synodical relation with us, and aid in support of congregations at that place.

We recommend:

That a committee be appointed in investigate the conditions in general, and their doctrinal position in particular, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

We hope that these people will be able to secure a competent pastor from our midst in the near future.

Hereupon Synod appointed a committee consisting of the Hon. President, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., Chairman, and the Theological Faculty at Columbus, O., to act in accordance with the above resolutions.

PUBLICATION MATTERS.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

To the Honorable Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN — Your Board on Publication herewith submits its tenth biennial report:

1. We are glad to be able to report that during the past two years the Lord has again prospered this institution of Synod under the efficient management of Mr. F. J. Heer. There have been no business reverses nor accidents endangering life or property, and encouraging progress has been made in the various departments of the business. It is to the Lord that we owe these favors.

2. The Board, as constituted by the election at the convention of Synod in 1902, met for the first time on September 30, 1902, and organized by electing Rev. S. P. Long, President; J. Sheatsley, Secretary; Profs. Stellhorn and Pfeiffer and Dr. Charles Cooperrider, Executive Committee; and Profs. Pflueger, Leonard and Singer, Auditing Committee. At the meeting of February 3, 1903, Rev. S. P. Long handed in his resignation as member of the Board. The resignation was accepted and Rev. C. C. Hein, of Columbus, Ohio, was appointed in his stead. Prof. Pfeiffer was then elected Chairman of the Board.

3. December 12, 1902, the editorial staff of the *Kirchenzeitung* petitioned the Board for an increase of salary for the various editors. The Board did not feel authorized to grant such increase, but decided to refer the matter to Joint Synod. It is accordingly herewith referred to you.

4. In regard to the complete ministerial list in the English almanac, the Board thinks that we might possibly enter into combination with some other Lutheran publication houses for the purpose of getting out such a list in common at *much less cost* than is incurred by the present arrangement. This list could then be used for the entire edition or only for a small special edition. If the Board found such an arrangement feasible, would Synod offer any objection?

5. The resolution of Joint Synod that the revised text of the English catechism be first published in the *Standard* previous to discussion thereof by the District Synods, was overlooked by the Board until too late to bring the matter properly before this body at this session. The text, however, was published in the *Standard* early in the spring of the present year.

In this connection we suggest that it be made the duty of the secretary of Synod to call the attention of Boards or District Synods, in a direct and official manner, to all resolutions of Joint Synod that

are to be acted on during the biennium. This would tend to insure the prompt carrying out of all such resolutions.

6. *Text Book Committee* — This committee has made no report to the Board during the past two years.

7. *Sunday School Literature* — In regard to the graded series of text books for Sunday Schools, some progress has been made. Steps have been taken toward securing a series of 104 large colored charts and also a new Bible History (English first). Progress in these matters must necessarily be slow, especially on account of there being no settled consensus of opinion as to what is best.

8. *A German Primary Paper* — A number of requests have come in to the Board during the past year for a German paper for little folks, corresponding to the English "Primary Lesson Paper." The Board herewith refers the question of publishing such a paper to Synod.

9. *Unsettled Accounts* — The Board reports that in spite of earnest efforts to carry out the resolution of Synod with reference to the collection of accounts, both on the part of the Board and of the manager, such accounts have increased during the last two years.

10. As to separating the book department from the rest of the Concern, the Board did not see any sufficient reason for doing so during the past two years.

11. *Elections* — The following elections are necessary at this convention of Synod: Manager for two years; members of Board: successors to Prof. E. Pfeiffer, Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Teacher L. R. Riedel, all for the term of six years; editors of the periodicals for the term of two years: *Theological Zeitblaetter, Theological Magazine, Kirchenzeitung, Standard, Kinderfreude, Lutheran Child's Paper and Little Missionary.*

12. *Publications Issued* — We present a list of publications which were issued during the past two years:

750 copies To My Sunday School Teachers.
600 copies Teachers' Annuals, 1903.
1,000 copies Zweites Lesebuch.
1,000 copies Xmas Catalogues, English and German.
1,000 copies A Fearful Winter's Night.
1,000 copies The Treasure Seekers.
2,000 copies German Catechism.
13,500 copies Almanacs—German.
2,000 copies Lorenzen Fibeln.
5,000 English Alamancs.
2,000 Lindemann's Fibeln.
3,000 Little Treasure of Prayers.
1,500 German Enchiridion.
1,000 Schulharfe.
1,250 Dorothy Xmas Books.
1,000 English Primary Bible Histories.
3,000 Tracts Infant Baptism.
3,000 copies German Catechism.

1,000 copies Large Bible Histories—English.
5,000 copies Tracts, Bist du ein treuer, fleisziger Arbeiter?
5,000 copies Missionstraktat fuer Kinder.
1,000 copies Von der Farm auf die Kanzel.
1,200 copies Cantica Sacra.
13,800 copies German Kalender—1904.
3,900 copies English Medium Hymn Book.
4,500 copies English Almanacs—1904.
1,000 copies Hymns for Psalterlust.
1,000 copies Fuers Herz und Leben.
6,000 copies Gesangbuch, Medium.
1,000 copies English and German Xmas Catalogues.
1,000 copies Sin and Sanctification.
1,000 copies Lindemann Fibeln.
3,000 copies Sunday School Hymnal.
3,400 copies Large German Hymn Book.
1,000 copies German Bible Histories—Medium.
3,500 copies Psalterlust.
3,500 copies Erstes Lesebuch.
2,500 copies Zweites Lesebuch.
4,500 copies German Catechism.
4,500 copies English Catechism.

13. The Board respectfully submits to Synod for inspection the minutes of all its proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SHEATSLEY, *Secretary.*

Delaware, Ohio, July 19th, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 30, 1903.

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT CLOSE OF YEAR.

DR.

Real estate	$41,829 15	
Machinery	30,172 80	
Furniture and fixtures	1,940 15	
Ohio National Bank	239 51	
Cash	389 31	
Accounts receivable	15,562 33	
Labor	32,735 73	
Expense	707 53	
Freight and drayage	829 76	
Expressage	1,178 05	
Postage	1,221 08	
Interest	3,832 16	
Insurance	375 50	
Gas	634 55	
Coal	854 66	
Taxes	711 71	
Telephone	66 90	
Water (deposit $10.00)	85 32	
Standard	237 02	
Theol. Zeitblaetter	12 19	
Theol. Magazine	144 54	
Primary Lesson Paper	33 16	
		$133,793 11

CR.

Notes payable	$37,808 58	
Accounts payable	1,838 37	
Capital	85,860 09	
Merchandise	4,995 37	
Discount	409 87	
Rent	186 00	
Kirchenzeitung	1,464 01	
Kinderfreude	362 72	
Child's Paper	358 48	
Little Missionary	216 68	
Lesson Leaves	292 94	
		$133,793 11

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS.

GAINS.

Merchandise —			
Inventory, May 30, 1903.....	$45,670 80		
Merchandise sold	106,980 07		
		$152,650 87	
Inventory May 31, 1902.....	$45,187 02		
Merchandise bought	56,797 68		
		101,984 70	
			$50,666 17
Discount			409 87
Rent			186 00
Kirchenzeitung			1,464 01
Kinderfreude			362 72
Child's Paper			358 48
Little Missionary			216 68
Lesson Leaves			292 94
Total			$53,956 87

LOSSES.

Machinery —			
Inventory May 31, 1902.....	$30,172 80		
Inventory May 30, 1903.....	27,458 65		
		$2,714 15	
Furniture and fixtures —			
Inventory May 31, 1902.....	$1,940 15		
Inventory May 30, 1903.....	1,896 58		
		43 57	
Labor		32,735 73	
Expense		707 53	
Freight and drayage.....		829 76	
Expressage		1,178 05	
Postage		1,221 08	
Interest		3,832 16	
Insurance		375 50	
Gas		634 55	
Coal		854 66	
Taxes		711 71	
Telephone		66 90	
Water		75 32	
Standard		237 02	
Theol. Zeitblaetter		12 19	
Theol. Magazine		144 54	
Primary Lesson Paper		33 16	
			46,407 58
Gain			$7,549 29

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, JUNE 1, 1903.

DR.

Merchandise	$45,670 80	
Real estate	41,829 15	
Machinery	27,458 65	
Furniture and fixtures	1,896 58	
Ohio National Bank	239 51	
Cash	389 31	
Accounts receivable	15,562 33	
Water (deposit)	10 00	
		$133,056 33

CR.

Notes payable	$37,808 58	
Accounts payable	1,838 37	
Capital	$85,860 09	
Gain	7,549 29	
	93,409 38	
		$133,056 33

Audited and found correct.

GEORGE K. LEONARD,
S. A. SINGER, } *Committee.*

June 18, 1903.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1904.

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT CLOSE OF YEAR.

DR.

Real estate	$41,829 15
Machinery	27,458 65
Furniture and fixtures	1,896 58
Ohio National Bank	209 26
Cash	208 28
Accounts receivable	18,278 33
Labor	32,881 82
Expense	531 70
Freight and drayage	865 43
Expressage	1,623 69

Postage	$1,538 29	
Interest	2,423 06	
Insurance	606 95	
Gas	528 65	
Coal	1,044 49	
Taxes	727 75	
Telephone	53 55	
Water (deposit $10)	81 28	
Standard	71 05	
Theol. Zeitblaetter	123 27	
Theol. Magazine	149 85	
Primary Lesson Paper	216 81	
		$133,347 89

CR.

Notes payable	$31,771 58	
Accounts payable	.....	
Capital	93,409 38	
Merchandise	4,689 44	
Discount	340 82	
Rent	186 00	
Kirchenzeitung	1,921 78	
Kinderfreude	349 76	
Child's Paper	274 55	
Little Missionary	188 01	
Lesson Leaves	216 57	
		$133,347 89

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS.

GAINS.

Merchandise —			
Inventory May 31, 1904	$48,329 34		
Merchandise sold	106,192 29		
		$154,521 63	
Inventory May 30, 1903	$45,670 80		
Merchandise bought	55,832 05		
		101,502 85	
			$53,018 78
Discount			340 82
Rent			186 00.
Kirchenzeitung			1,921 78
Kinderfreude			349 76
Child's Paper			274 55
Little Missionary			188 01
Lesson Leaves			216 57
Total			$56,496 27

LOSSES.

Machinery —			
Inventory May 30, 1903.....	$27,458 65		
Inventory May 31, 1904.....	25,651 24		
		$1,807 41	
Furniture and fixtures —			
Inventory May 30, 1903.....	$1,896 58		
Inventory May 31, 1904.....	1,795 98		
		100 60	
Labor		32,881 82	
Expense		531 70	
Freight and drayage		865 43	
Expressage		1,623 69	
Postage		1,538 29	
Interest		2,423 06	
Insurance		606 95	
Gas		528 65	
Coal		1,044 49	
Taxes		727 75	
Telephone		53 55	
Water		71 28	
Standard		71 05	
Theol. Zeitblaetter		123 27	
Theol. Magazine		149 85	
Primary Lesson Paper		216 81	
			45,365 65
Gain			$11,130 62

STATEMENT OF LEDGER AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, JUNE 1, 1904.

DR.

Merchandise	$48,329 34	
Real estate	41,829 15	
Machinery	25,651 24	
Furniture and fixtures	1,795 98	
Ohio National Bank	209 26	
Cash	208 28	
Accounts receivable	18,278 33	
Water (deposit)	10 00	
		$136,311 58

CR.

Notes payable	$31,771 58	
Accounts payable	.....	
Capital	$93,409 38	
Gain	11,130 62	
	104,540 00	
		$136,311 58

Ten per cent. of net gain for past two years, amounting to $1,868.00, has been set aside for the German Professorship at Capital University (see Joint Synod Minutes 1902, p. 74) making the total indebtedness $33,639.58, and the credits stand as follows:

Notes payable, reported above	$31,771 58	
German professorship fund	1,868 00	
		$33,639 58
Capital, reported above	$104,540 00	
Less	1,868 00	
		$102,672 00
		$136,311 58

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 2, 1904.

Above report was audited and found correct.

S. A. SINGER,
GEO. K. LEONARD,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF THE LUTHERISCHE KIRCHENZEITUNG.

Again we look back upon a time of joint labor, comprising two years. In true harmony we have devoted ourselves to this work: for this purpose we have held several editorial meetings, each on his part endeavoring to edit the Kirchenzeitung to the welfare of the Church, and the best interests of synod. To our own satisfaction, we can report the following result: the number of subscribers has increased from 5,585 in the year 1902, to 6,243 in the year 1904, the net gain from $3,153.21 reported two years ago, to $3,385.79 for the time from June 1, 1902, to June 1, 1904. (Nearly $6,000 outstanding, counting to Jan. 1, 1905.) We gratefully acknowledge that the number of pastors who work for the circulation of the Kirchenzeitung, in their respective congregations, is growing, and sincerely hope that their number may continue to increase.

Only one request the Editors submit for deliberation to Synod, to-wit: that they be granted the right to send the Kirchenzeitung, upon request, gratis to hospitals, public reading rooms and like institutions, where it is to be anticipated that it will be read and prove a blessing. Again we would ask for information about the resolution, forbidding the mentioning of individual names in the receipts. The resolution is being continually transgressed, as seems to us, more upon request of pastors, than of individual contributors. It should either be lived up to or rescinded; the rescission, however, might have the result that at times whole pages will be filled with receipts, where otherwise columns would suffice.

We find such extended receipts in very few other Church papers. To read the list of individual contributors in the respective churches, if so desired, would be more appropriate. Respectfully, the Editors,

E. A. Boehme.
H. J. Schuh.
K. Hemminghaus.
J. H. Schneider.

The undersigned herewith adds that in deference to his congregation, his family and likewise to himself, he must absolutely decline a re-election to the Editorial Staff of the Kirchenzeitung.

Youngstown, Ohio, July 12, 1904. E. A. Boehme.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF THE LUTHERAN STANDARD.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

As editors of the *Lutheran Standard* we desire to say that we have endeavored to perform the duties assigned us, and that during the past two years the paper has appeared with its usual promptness and regularity. We gratefully acknowledge the hearty co-operation of many brethren, and hereby tender our sincere thanks to all who have seconded our efforts.

The report for 1902 credited the *Standard* with 3,322 subscribers; its present circulation is 3,691, being a net gain of 369 since the last report as against a net gain of 212 during the preceding biennium. The circulation of the paper should be much larger than it is, but the rate of increase, as shown by the above figures, is improving, and the reports from year to year show that the *Standard* is steadily gaining ground.

Its financial condition is less encouraging; according to the books it has incurred a loss of $308.07 during the last two years. Of this amount, $71.05 constitutes the shortage for the present year. The paper now has subscribers enough to carry it along without financial loss, but there is so much tardiness in the payment of subscriptions that it is unable to meet expenses. Subscriptions are supposed to be paid in advance, but reckoning to January 1, 1905, there is now an arrearage of more than $4,000. Prompt payment would save the *Standard* a great deal of unnecessary labor and expense, and place it upon a sound financial basis.

Whilst the *Standard* does not seem to be so successful financially, it is doing a work which cannot be expressed in dollars and cents; its influences are felt in every department of our church work, and in many ways it is yielding Synod a large return. The church papers have been a great factor in Synod's remarkable growth, and it is our convic-

tion that Synod should take a much deeper interest in the welfare of these periodicals, and devise more liberal things in their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. Cooperrider,
E. Pfeiffer,
J. Sheatsley,
Walter E. Tressel,
Editorial Staff of Lutheran Standard.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

I. 1) This committee rejoices with the Publication Board at the prosperity of our Book Concern, and joins with it in thanks to God for the measure of success attained, as also for His protection to life and property.

2) We also wish to express our very high appreciation of the efficient management of Mr. F. J. Heer, to whose energetic work is so largely due the success of the Book Concern. As an evidence of this appreciation, and in view of the inadequate salary which Mr. Heer receives, we recommend that his salary be increased from $1,200.00 to $1,800.00.

3) The statement of the financial condition of the Book Concern, accompanying the report of the Board, and certified to by the auditing committee, shows the following:

a. The cash value of the entire amount of business done by the Concern during the two years, from June 1, 1902, to June 1, 1904, amounted to $213,172.36. On this there was a net profit of $18,679.71. Of this profit $13,568.37 was applied to the reduction of the debt of the Concern.

b. This debt, at the last meeting of Joint Synod, amounted to $47,207.95, and has been reduced to $33,639.58.

c. Ten per cent. of the net profit of the Concern, or $1,868,00. was set aside for the German Professorship at Capital University, according to the direction of Joint Synod at its last meeting.

d. The total value of the Book Concern, consisting of merchandise, machinery, furniture, real estate, book accounts, and cash, amounts to $136,311.58, leaving a net capital employed of $102,672.00. This, the Committee believes, is a very creditable showing, and one for which Synod has reason to be thankful.

II. We concur in the action of the Board with respect to the resignation of Rev. S. P. Long, and the election of Rev. C. C. Hein as his successor.

III. a) With respect to the petition of the editors of the *Kirchenzeitung* for an increase of salary, we recommend that the salary of the chief editor, both of the *Kirchenzeitung* and *Standard*, be increased to $150.00 per annum, and that the associate editors of each paper be given $50.00 per annum. This resolution to take effect from January 1, 1905.

b) With respect to the resolutions of the Nominating Committee looking to the appointment of an editor, who shall remove to Columbus, and devote his whole time to the *Kirchenzeitung*, which resolutions were referred to this committee by the General President, we consider that, desirable as this move may be in itself, there are difficulties in the way of carrying it into effect, and, therefore, cannot recommend it to Synod.

IV. a) We recommend that if it be found financially profitable, our Board join with other like Publishing Houses in the preparation and publication of the general clerical list.

b) We further recommend that a limited edition only of our English Almanac contain this full list, with the same reading matter, and that this edition be sold at an advanced price.

V. We regret that the Board failed to attend to the publication of the revised text of the English Catechism in time for the action of the various Districts. We recommend that such publication be again ordered, notwithstanding the fact that such publication has recently been made.

VI. This committee desires to inquire why the Text-book Committee has made no report?

VII. We note with pleasure that at least some progress has been made in the preparation of the series of graded Sunday school text-books.

It affords special pleasure to note that the necessary steps have been taken toward securing the publication of such a fine series of colored charts for our Sunday schools.

VIII. With respect to the request for a Primary Paper in the German language, corresponding to the English Primary Paper, your committee is of the opinion that there does not seem to be sufficient demand for such a paper to justify its present publication.

IX. The accounts receivable of the Book Concern, by which is meant the unsettled Book accounts of the same, amount now to the sum of $18,278.33, which is an increase of $4,561.14 during the last two years.

In the judgment of the committee this is not an unreasonable amount to have outstanding, considering the amount of business done. The greater part of these debts are what are known as live accounts, and are due from pastors of Synod, from congregations, Sunday schools, and District Synods. With regard to those accounts that are of some years' standing, the committee recommends that Synod ask the different Districts to urge their respective pastors and congregations to settle their accounts with the Book Concern more promptly than has been done hitherto. Attention ought to be called to the fact that the Book Concern is obliged to pay interest on the money it needs to borrow, whereas if all these accounts, as also the money due the Concern on subscriptions to periodicals were promptly cashed the debt could be paid, and the interest account saved.

X. Your committee considers that the action of the Publication Board in not separating the book department from the remainder of the Concern was prudent, as we think it ill-advised to carry out, at present, the action of Synod.

XI. This committee calls the attention of Synod to the fact that during the biennium 112,550 copies of forty different publications have been printed, not including periodical literature.

XII. *Periodicals.*

a) We note with pleasure the increased circulation of the *Kirchenzeitung* and gratefully acknowledge the able manner in which the paper has been edited. And consequently deplore the determination of the editor-in-chief to decline a re-election to the editorial staff, and move a vote of thanks for his efficient and faithful services.

b) We second the request of the editors of the *Kirchenzeitung* to be permitted to send the *Kirchenzeitung*, without cost, to hospitals, public reading rooms, and the like, where it will be welcomed. We further suggest that the *Standard* be included in this proposition.

c) With respect to the request of the editors of the *Kirchenzeitung* for information concerning the resolution of Synod forbidding the publication of the names of individuals in a congre-

gational contribution, we recommend that the resolution be strictly observed, and that this rule apply also to the *Standard*.

XIII. The attention of this committee has been called to the fact that there exists a discrepancy between the constitution and the practice of Synod with respect to the membership of the Publication Board. The former requires that the Board be constituted of four pastors, three laymen, besides one teacher. Whereas, in practice, Joint Synod has invariably elected five pastors, and but two laymen. We propose to Synod that the constitution be made to conform to the practice of Synod.

XIV. *The Lutheran Standard.*

a) We commend the efforts of the editors of the *Standard* in their endeavor to make this paper more efficient, and note with pleasure that there has been a steady increase in circulation.

b) Greater efforts should be put forth to enlarge the circulation of our church papers, so that they may exert a still wider influence.

XV. With respect to the resolution of the First English District concerning a change in the *Theological Magazine*, we recommend that it be left in the hands of a chief editor, but that he be urged, as far as possible, to cover the fields proposed; namely, that of exegetical, historical, systematical, and practical theology.

XVI. a) We recommend that the request coming from the Eastern District, asking for the publication of a satisfactory pocket liturgy, in both languages, be complied with; that a competent committee of three pastors be appointed to prepare such manuscripts for publication.

b) With regard to the request of the same District to have the Passion History published in all hymnals, we recommend that this be done.

XVII. The committee approves of the addition of a school department in the *Kirchenzeitung*, believing it will do much good, provided it be conducted in a popular manner.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

I, 1, 2, 3, *a*, *b*, *c and d adopted. Also II and III a and b adopted.*

IV a adopted. IV b lost.

V and VI adopted. With respect to item VI it was resolved, that the committee be reminded of its duties and be urged to continue its work.

VII-VIII inclusive adopted.

VARIOUS TREASURIES.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL INSTITUTION TREASURER.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

BRETHREN — Herewith is submitted to your honorable body a biennial report of the general institution treasury for the term ending June 30, 1904.

The collections for the past two years have increased over those of the two years previous. The amount received from 1900-1902, excluding the Jubilee Fund, was $46,324.48, while during the current term $56,153.28 was raised for general institution expenses, making a difference of $9,828.80 in favor of the past term.

The salaries have all been paid up to July 1, 1904, and while some of the institutions in their reports state that they did not receive their full appropriation, the General Treasurer finds that each has a small balance left. We are of the opinion that it is the duty of this treasury to supply all that is necessary and if the appropriation is not all needed, nothing should be expended that is not absolutely necessary and the institutions are to be congratulated upon the fact of remaining within the appropriations.

While the debt of the General Treasury has been increased, the financial conditions of the Synod are in better shape than they have been during the incumbency of the present treasurer, but Synod has now reached the point when the loans made for the General Treasury can be cancelled gradually and in the near future materially reduce the debt. To do this, the utmost economy must be practiced.

GERMAN PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

According to the resolution passed by Synod two years ago, the Book Concern has placed ten per cent. of its net earnings to the credit of said fund, which amounts to $1,868.

BAUGHMAN FUND.

This Fund has been augmented by $2,000 more, making the whole fund $25,000. This includes the Gahanna farm, worth $5,000. Surely a generous gift on the part of Rev. and Mrs. G. Baughman.

CONCLUSION.

For the many courtesies shown me by President Schuette and all others with whom I had to deal, I herewith express sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

F. J. HEER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURY FROM JULY 1, 1902, TO JUNE 30, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1, 1902		$ 476 02
Kirchenzeitung credits July 1, 1902, to June 25, 1904	$56,153 28	
Scholarship interest	608 55	
Baughman fund	2,000 00	
Scholarship loans	5,175 00	
New loans	500 00	
Income Baughman fund	380 00	
Income Schulze fund	200 00	
		$65,016 83
Total		$65,492 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

St. Paul	$ 7,274 90	
Orphans' Home	12,799 60	
Capital University	16,567 50	
Capital University Interest	2,943 94	
Woodville	7,358 35	
*Hickory	2,138 28	
C. H. L. Schuette Salary	4,350 00	
Same expenses	237 10	
Interest	3,593 50	
Old Folks' Home	1,800 00	
Lutheran Book Concern, Printing, etc.	1,441 57	
Miscellaneous	806 07	
Notes cancelled	700 00	
Taxes on Baughman farm	116 21	
		$62,127 02
Balance July 1, 1904		$ 3,365 83

Audited and found correct July 21, 1904.

A. PFLUEGER,
GEO. K. LEONARD. } *Auditing Committee.*

General Treasury Notes.

July 1, 1904.

LOANS FROM SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDS, ANNUITY NOTES, ETC.

Kamper Endowment Fund, Capital University	$ 9,367 96
Same—Home missions	3,122 66

*This includes $7.50 sent in by Rev. L. M. Hunt after Hickory books were closed.

Same—Foreign missions	$3,122 66
Urias Fink fund (C. U.)	1,000 00
German Ev. Lutheran Seminary—G. Baughman fund. (Of this fund, $500 00 is loaned to the Book Concern, making the fund $20,000 00. To this add the value of Gahanna farm makes the fund $25,000.00.)	19,500 00
Tryphosa Heffner fund (C. U.)	1,000 00
Same—Orphans' Home	400 00
Mack endowment fund (C. U.)	200 00
Bricker annuity fund	300 00
J. Rush fund (C. U.)	25 00
Frederick fund (O. H.)	100 00
Same—C. U.	200 00
Poorman fund (C. U.)	100 00
M. Wachendorf fund—W. and O.	300 00
Same—C. U.	700 00
Same—H. M.	50 00
Pemberville beneficiary fund (C. U.)	500 00
E. Schmid fund (C. U.)	2,000 00
F. Gehritz fund (C. U.)	100 00
L. V. fund (Annuity C. U.)	500 00
Woodville Seminary	1,000 00
Frechtling fund (C. U.)	100 00
N. N. (V.) Annuity fund C. U.	3,000 00
N. N. (C. B.) Annuity fund	1,000 00
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.	
H. Steinmeyer	800 00
H. Ahlers	800 00
H. Berk	800 00
J. J. Dobler	800 00
D. F. Schuette	800 00
J. G. Koch	800 00
W. Sheatsley	800 00
J. Schwearer	800 00
J. D. Meyer	800 00
N. N. (J. F.)	800 00
G. A. Dobler	1,800 00
J. Nothstine	800 00
W. Scheid	800 00
J. F. Snyder	400 00
Rev. W. F. Helle	400 00
Pres. C. H. L. Schuette	800 00
S. (O. H.)	100 00
S. (H. M.)	100 00
Miscellaneous loans	1,650 00
Total	$62,538 28

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD FROM JULY 25, 1902, TO JULY 28, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

1902.			
July	25.	To balance in treasury	$1,003 98
	29.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	44 50
	29.	To cash Texas District, Dr. W. Steinman, (old account)	25 00
Aug.	5.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert, (old account)	32 00
	7.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	19 00
Sept.	2.	To cash Washington District, Rev. O. A. Bertram, (old account)	14 50
	13.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman, (old account)	25 00
	22.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht, (old account)	137 50
	29.	To cash 1st. English District, C. W. Bachman, (old account)	60 00
Oct.	1.	To cash Northern District, Teacher F. Wiechert, (old account)	2 50
1903.			
Jan.	17.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	25 00
Feb.	13.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	50 00
	16.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman, (old account)	28 25
	27.	To cash 1st. English District, Rev. C. W. Bachman	100 00
March	20.	To cash Kansas and Nebraska District, C. Dagefoerde	25 00
April	22.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	25 00
	27.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	35 20
	27.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	34 80
May	6.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt, (old account)	32 75
	9.	To cash Washington District, Rev. O. A. Bertram.	25 00
June	3.	To cash Western District, L. F. Mittler, (old account)	12 00

	10.	To cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Bammann	$80 00
	10.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. J. Mittermaier...	40 20
	20.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. J. Mittermaier...	20 00
Aug.	7.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt (old account)	42 45
	7.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt ..	7 55
	14.	To cash 1st. English District, Rev. C. W. Bachman	125 00
	27.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	15 00
Sept.	17.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman, (old account)	9 15
	21.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman, (old account)	9 58
	21.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman....	42
Oct.	7.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt..	50 00
	12.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	25 00
Nov.	11.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman,..	19 00
	13.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	45 02
	19.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt...	75 00
	26.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account	20 47
Dec.	4.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	16 10
	18.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	15 35
	31.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	12 00
1904.			
Jan.	2.	To cash 1st. English District, Rev. C. W. Bachman	156 70
	4.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. J. Mittermaier	40 00
Feb.	22.	To cash Washington District, Rev. E. J. W. Mack..	25 00
May	17.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. J. Mittermaier..	40 00
	20.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht....	75 00
May	31.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	12 00
June	4.	To cash Texas District, Rev. J. Rod.....	25 00
	7.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt, (old account)	100 00
	7.	To cash Minnesota District, Teacher H. Bammann,	95 00
	16.	To cash Northern District, Teacher G. Allwardt..	142 45
	21.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. L. C. Huffman...	11 84
July	14.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler, (old account)	2 00
	14.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler....	39 00

	18.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler.....	$15 00
	19.	To cash Western District, Rev. L. F. Mittler....	23 00
July	28.	Total receipts	$3,186 26
July	28.	Total disbursements	1,794 35
July 28, 1904, Balance on hand.....			$ 1,391 91

C. NAGEL, *Treasurer of Joint Synod.*

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, July 28, 1904.

Balance due from the Districts on Apportionment of the Joint Synod for 1902-1904—

Western District, ...	$ 238 00
Eastern District, ...	43 30
Concordia District, ...	18 74
	$ 300 04

1902. DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug.	5.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 1.....	$7 50
	7.	By cash to Dr. A. H. Allwardt, voucher 2.....	19 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Schuh, voucher 3.....	8 50
	26.	By cash to Dr. A. Steinmann, voucher 4.....	45 00
	26.	By cash to Dr. A. H. Allwardt, voucher 5.....	7 30
	26.	By cash to Dr. H. Ernst, voucher 6.....	13 20
	26.	By cash to Prof. W. D. Ahl, voucher 7.....	14 75
	26.	By cash to Prof. E. Pfeiffer, voucher 8.....	8 50
	26.	By cash to Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, voucher 9.....	8 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach. voucher 10.....	8 80
	26.	By cash to Rev. O. S. Oglesby, voucher 11.....	13 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. L. M. Hunt, voucher 12.....	7 65
	26.	By cash to Rev. E. G. Tressel, voucher 13.....	8 50
	26.	By cash to Prof. Hemminghaus, voucher 14.....	8 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Price, voucher 15.....	12 40
	26.	By cash to Rev. G. Raeder, voucher 16.....	12 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. A. J. Feeger, voucher 17.....	6 30
	26.	By cash to Rev. J. Finke, voucher 18.....	75 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, voucher 19....	26 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reiman, voucher 20.....	13 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 21.....	11 60
	26.	By cash to Rev. C. H. Althoff, voucher 22.....	6 60
	26.	By cash to Rev. F. H. Gahre, voucher 23.....	26 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. S. P. Long, voucher 24.....	8 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. E. Wickemeyer, voucher 25.....	31
	26.	By cash to Rev. Carl Freitag, voucher 26.....	5 00
	26.	By cash to Prof. Wm. Schmidt, voucher 27.....	14 20
Sept.	6.	By cash to Prof. G. K. Leonard, voucher 28.....	15 10
	22.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 29.....	7 00
	22.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 30.....	7 00

	22.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 31.....	$17 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 32.....	4 70
	30.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 33..	500 00
Oct.	1.	By cash to Rev. J. Vollmar, voucher 34.....	2 50
	6.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 35.....	5 00
Nov.	1.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 36.....	4 90
	5.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 37.....	17 60
	7.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 38.....	12 00
	15.	By cash to Rev. H. Reimann, voucher 39.....	5 50
	17.	By cash to Rev. J. C. Schacht, voucher 40.....	2 10
	28.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 41.....	24 00
Dec.	15.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 42.....	7 90
	15.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 43.....	5 75
	15.	By cash to Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, voucher 44.....	17 00
	17.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 45.....	4 85
1903.			
Jan.	9.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 46.....	4 80
Feb.	21.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 47...	189 30
	27.	By cash to Rev. D. Ph. Ebert, voucher 48.....	4 20
	27.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 49.....	11 25
	27.	By cash to J. A. Roselius, voucher 50.....	11 30
April	11.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 51....	9 60
	21.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 52.....	3 75
	21.	By cash to Rev. D. Ph. Ebert, voucher 53.....	1 40
May	6.	By cash to Rev. J. Vollmar, voucher 54.....	7 75
June	2.	By cash to Rev. F. W. Loewenstein, voucher 55..	17 00
	20.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 56.....	12 00
	20.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, voucher 57.....	10 50
	26.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 58.....	5 00
July	10.	By cash to Rev. J. C. Schacht, voucher 59.....	2 10
	10.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 60.....	3 75
	18.	By cash to Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, voucher 61.....	4 50
	18.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Lehman, voucher 62.....	4 00
	18.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schuette, voucher 63.....	4 20
	18.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 64...	5 50
	28.	By cash to Rev. D. Ph. Ebert, voucher 65.....	1 40
Aug.	7.	By cash to Teacher G. Allwardt, voucher 66.....	2 50
Sept.	4.	By cash to Rev. J. C. Schacht, voucher 67.....	2 10
Oct.	7.	By cash to Rev. J. Vollmar, voucher 68.....	5 00
	7.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 69....	25 00
Nov.	6.	By cash to Mr. Fred J. Heer, voucher 70.....	1 10
	11.	By cash to Mr. Herman Rogge, voucher 71.....	17 15
	11.	By cash to Rev. Fred Loewenstein, voucher 72...	17 00
	19.	By cash to Rev. A. R. Kuldell, voucher 73.....	3 20
Dec.	12.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 74.....	8 80
	12.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 75.....	5 30
	31.	By cash to Rev. C. J. Benzin, voucher 76.....	11 75

1904.			
Jan.	2.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 77.....	$3 50
	2.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 78.....	3 20
	20.	By cash to C. Nagel, voucher 79.....	2 45
Feb.	6.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 80.....	4 00
	6.	By cash to Rev. Wm. Ganschow, voucher 81.....	8 00
	6.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 82.....	4 50
	20.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 83....	4 90
	20.	By cash to Rev. D. Ph. Ebert, voucher 84.....	1 40
	20.	By cash to Rev. J. C. Schacht, voucher 85.....	6 60
	23.	My cash to Rev. G. Dillmann, voucher 86.....	6 90
	29.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, voucher 87.....	19 74
March	5.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 88.....	10 50
May	4.	By cash to Rev. R. E. Golladay, voucher 89.....	17 00
	4.	By cash to Rev. F. W. Loewenstein, voucher 90..	17 00
	17.	By cash to Dr. H. A. Allwardt, voucher 91.....	29 00
	18.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 92..	64 10
	23.	By cash to Rev. J. C. Schacht, voucher 93.....	3 30
	23.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 94....	25 00
June	1.	By cash to Rev. A. R. Kuldell, voucher 95.....	2 30
	7.	By cash to Rev. J. D. Meyer, voucher 96.....	14 00
	16.	By cash to Rev. John Vollmar, voucher 97.....	2 75
	20.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 98.....	5 50
	20.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 99.....	3 75
	20.	By cash to Teacher W. A. Trapp, voucher 100....	4 80
	26.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 101.....	12 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, voucher 102.....	4 50
	30.	By cash to Rev. Wm. H. Price, voucher 103.....	14 10
July	8.	By cash to Rev. E. Cronenwett, voucher 104.....	9 00
	8.	By cash to Rev. Wm. Ganschow, voucher 105.....	4 00
	14.	By cash to Mr. A. Rogge, voucher 106.....	13 60
	20.	By cash to Teacher J. Stumpf, voucher 107.....	3 75
		Total disbursements, July 28.....	$1,794 35

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.

To the President of Joint Synod:

The following is compiled from my two annual reports to the Capital University Board for the last two years: the first beginning July 1 1902, and ending June 30, 1903; the second beginning July 1, 1903, and ending June 30, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 30, 1902		$ 593 80
From General Treasurer 1902-1903	$ 7,231 20	
From General Treasurer, 1903-1904	9,336 80	
		16,567 50
Students' Scholarship interest included, 1902-1903	$ 4,127 57	
Students' Scholarship interest included, 1903-1904	4,257 89	
		8,385 46
Interest on Permanent funds, 1902-1903	$ 857 58	
Interest on Permanent funds, 1903-1904	857 57	
		1,715 15
Interest on Students' notes, 1902-1903	$ 18 26	
Interest on Students' notes, 1903-1904	59 49	
		77 75
Rents, 1902-1903	$ 170 00	
Rents, 1903-1904	398 55	
		568 55
Gas, 1902-1903	$ 173 07	
Gas, 1903-1904	186 90	
		359 97
Miscellaneous, 1902-1903	$ 109 36	
Miscellaneous, 1903-1904	145 27	
		254 27
Total receipts		28,522 81

EXPENDITURES.

On salaries, 1902-1903	$ 9,987 00	
On salaries, 1903-1904	12,720 00	
		$22,689 00
Janitor service and other labor, 1902-1903	$ 385 05	
Janitor service and other labor, 1903-1904	232 10	
		580 15
Supplies and repairs, 1902-1903	$ 1,057 97	
Supplies and repairs, 1903-1904	511 17	
		1,569 14
Gas, 1902-1903	$ 836 40	
Gas 1903-1904	1,289 40	
		2,125 80
Telephone service, 1902-1903	$ 48 65	
Telephone service, 1903-1904	46 10	
		94 75
Insurance, 1903-1904		567 50
Library, 1902-1903	$ 100 00	
Library, 1903-1904	100 00	
		200 00
Printing, 1902-1903	$ 171 05	
Printing, 1903-1904	110 00	
		281 05

Miscellaneous, 1902-1903	$ 214 08	
Miscellaneous, 1903-1904	139 40	
		$ 353 48
Balance on hand June 30, 1904		61 94
Total		$28,522 81

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. K. LEONARD, *Asst. Treasurer.*

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

In treasury June 30, 1902	$ 39 78
From Treasurer Heer	7,274 90
From students	2,620 20
Total	$9,934 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

(a) Salary and rent—	
Dr. H. Ernst	$2,480 00
Prof. W. Schmidt	2,000 00
Prof. W. Witte, (D. Ahl)	2,000 00
(b) Insurance	210 00
Change in heating plant	1,100 00
Library	200 00
Instruction in music	100 00
Coal	650 00
Janitor	500 00
Repairs, painting, etc.	226 34
Total	$9,466 34
In treasury	464 24
	$9,930 58
Former allowance	8,200 00
Received from Synod	7,274 90

WANTED FOR NEXT TWO YEARS.

Salary and rent		$6,480 00
Janitor	400 00	
Insurance	210 00	
Repairs	800 00	

Coal	$650 00	
Painting	300 00	
Library	200 00	
Music—Vocal and instrumental	200 00	
		$9,240 00
By tuition about		$2,600 00
Allowance asked		$6,640 00

WM. SCHMIDT, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER OF WOODVILLE SEMINARY.

FROM JULY 1, 1902, TO JUNE 30, 1904, INCLUSIVE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1, 1902		$ 24 49
From congregations	$ 602 35	
From General Treasurer	6,756 00	
Students' dues	1,630 00	
Interest on Kemper fund	100 00	
Other sources	106 06	
		$ 9,194 41
Total		$ 9,218 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

On salaries and wages	$ 5,545 84	
Heating and lighting	1,057 12	
Interest	711 00	
Merchandise, Meat and bread	1,170 00	
Painting	157 00	
Sundries	485 21	
		$ 9,125 67
Balance on hand June 30, 1904		$ 93 23

RECAPITULATION.

Received on quota from General Treasurer	$ 6,647 35
Received for interest	711 00
Total	$ 7,358 35

FUNDS.

Note for $500 without interest	$ 500 00
Note for $1,000 at 5% interest	1,000 00
	$ 1,500 00

C. F. THEISS, *Treasurer.*

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury, July 19, 1902	$763 03
Receipts to July 12, 1904	5,216 50
Total	$5,979 53
Total expenses during same period	5,717 76
Balance in Treasury July, 1904	$261 77

The following persons received support—

Mrs. L. Hummel, Castroville, Texas	$150 00
Rev. C. Meyer, Afton, Minn	200 00
Rev. W. Buehring, Blue Island, Ill	400 00
Teacher C. B. Gaertner, Toledo, Ohio	150 00
Mrs. J. Stumpf, Fort Wayne, Ind	200 00
Mrs. S. Hohls, New Rochester, Ohio	200 00
Rev. A. Horn, Endicott, Wash	175 00
Mrs. Anna Ebert, Allegheny, Pa	200 00
Mrs. Theresa Huebner, Detroit, Mich	150 00
Mrs. J. H. Behrens, Detroit, Mich	200 00
Mrs. Anna Widmann, Columbus, Ohio	150 00
Mrs. Fr. Zur. Muehlen, Dayton, Ohio	150 00
Mrs. Johanna Lange, St. Paul, Minn	150 00
Mrs. Auguste Wolff, Mapleton, Minn	150 00
Rev. em. W. M. Sibert, Brandywine, W. Va	200 00
Rev. em. J. L. Hunt, Newton, N. Car	100 00
Rev. em. F. W. A. Liefeld, Allegheny, Pa	200 00
Rev. G. T. Cooperrider, Columbus, Ohio	350 00
Mrs. N. N.	200 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Hunziker, Reading, Ohio	150 00
Mrs. C. H. Rohe, Columbus, Ohio	200 00
Rev. em. Hugo Willert, Grove City, Ohio	200 00
Mrs. Louise Gebhardt, Bucyrus, Ohio	100 00
Mrs. Christiana Deiss, Detroit, Mich	200 00
Miss Lizzie Doepken, Circleville, Ohio	50 00
Rev. H Bock, West Depere, Wis	175 00
Mrs. E. Knorr, Buffalo Lake, Minn	225 00
Rev. em. J. O. Hoffman, Lima, Ohio	100 00
Mrs. Ida Linsenmann, Galion, Ohio	100 00
Rev. em. C. Molthan, Mars, Pa	200 00
Mrs. Ada Reiner, Creston, Ohio	60 00
Mrs. F. W. Damrow, Burlington, Wis	100 00
Mrs. A. H. Wendt, Almena, Wis	75 00
Rev. em. A. Vockrodt, Aurora, Ill	25 00
Rev. em A. F. H. Gebhard, Wausau, Wis	25 00

Woodville. Ohio. J. BAUCH, *Treasurer.*

ST. PAUL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL, HICKORY, N. C.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM AUGUST 1, 1902, TO MAY 12, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

1902.				
Aug.	1.	To balance	$68 64	
1904.				
May	12.	To cash from F. J. Heer	1,900 00	
	12.	To cash from J. H. Aiken, damage to Cupola by storm	198 50	
	12.	To cash from other sources	*220 58	
				$2,387 72

EXPENDITURES.

1904.				
May	12.	By cash to building and loan	$506 25	
	12.	By cash to Prof. L. M. Hunt	751 21	
	12.	By cash to Prof. J. E. Barb	489 83	
	12.	By cash to sundries	250 74	
				1,998 03
	13.	To balance		$389 69

LIABILITIES.

Building and loan	$758 75	
Rev. F. E. H. Besel, note	365 00	
Rev. F. E. H. Besel, interest	9 40	
Total		$1,133 15

Supplemental Report.

RECEIPTS.

1904.				
May	13.	To balance	$389 69	
	16.	To cash, Prof. L. M. Hunt, rent of farm	21 00	
	16	To cash, Miller's Cong., per Prof. Hunt, debt	25 00	
	16.	To cash, Cong. at Seminary, debt	6 50	
	16.	To cash, G. W. Huffman, debt	5 00	
	16.	To cash, Ezra Herman, debt	5 00	
	16.	To cash, Henry Wagner, debt	5 00	
June	15.	To cash, F. J. Heer	200 00	
				$657 19

*This amount includes the item of $12.42 of Jan. 12, 1903, also item of $18.36, Jan. 7, 1903, charged to me by Treasurer Heer.

EXPENDITURES.

May	16.	By cash, Prof. L. M. Hunt, salary to August 1, 1904	$165 19	
	19.	By cash, building and loan	22 50	
June	14.	By cash, building and loan	22 50	
				210 19
July	11.	To balance		$447 00

S. M. HAMRICK, *Treas.*

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME, MARS, PA.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM JULY 21, 1902, TO JULY 26, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer July 21, 1902	$ 720 81	
Balance in bank	8,295 21	
Received from General Treasury	1,872 10	
Received for boarding	501 00	
Received Donation Day proceeds	378 93	
Received Anniversary proceeds	616 95	
Received interest	516 81	
Received for Children's Home	5,700 25	
Received from mortgage settled	7,000 00	
Received from collections	323 64	
Received for building	8,871 00	
Received for furniture and fixtures	1,590 65	
Received entrance fees	4,567 12	
Received from inmates on deposit	845 79	
Received sundries	189 32	
		$41,989 58

EXPENDITURES.

For repairs	161 93
For insurance	143 50
For improvements	1,537 58
For sundries	105 50
For building	28,996 63
For labor	639 86
For printing	72 51
For light and fuel	98 90
For Drexel Home	525 00
For furniture	2,450 00
For household expenses	1,800 79
For funeral expenses	228 25

For deposits refunded to inmates	$1,227 92	
For street improvements	684 87	
		$33,672 74
Gross balance		$ 8,816 84

ASSETS

Cash balance as above	$ 8,316 84	
Bills receivable	500 00	
		$ 8,816 84

LIABILITIES.

Children's Home	$ 5,700 25	
Money of inmates on deposit	976 32	
		$ 6,676 57
Net balance		$ 2,140 27

CHRISTIAN ZIES, *Treasurer.*

JEWISH MISSION FUND.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FROM JULY 19, 1902, TO JULY 19, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 19, 1902	$871 92
July 20, 1902 to July 19, 1904	1,153 58
Total receipts July 19, 1904	$2,025 50

EXPENDITURES.

July 20, 1902, to July 19, 1904	905 09
Balance on hand July 19, 1904	$1,120 41

O. S. OGLESBY, *Treas.*
A. R. KULDELL.
OTTO F. MAYER.

Salary of missionary	$587 00
Aid to converts	40 00
Traveling expenses	23 49
Printing, postage, etc.	254 60
Total	$905 09

Audited and found correct.

OTTO F. MAYER.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME.

RICHMOND, IND., July 12, 1904.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN — I herewith submit to you for your consideration my statement of receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the Wernle Orphans' Home, from July 1st, 1902, to July 12th, 1904:

Balance in treasury July 1st, 1902	$220 38	
Received from Rev. Beck	13,359 98	
Total in treasury		$13,580 36
Salary	$3,780 38	
Bread	1,038 21	
Groceries	1,108 67	
Meat	356 41	
Dry goods	671 83	
Clothing	217 44	
Shoes	277 95	
Shoe leather	163 94	
Coal	1,140 48	
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs	188 40	
Hardware and tinware	232 15	
Farm and garden implements	318 62	
Hay, corn and feed	329 69	
Potatoes and seeds	261 37	
Lumber	96 47	
Interest on notes	182 85	
Taxes	43 78	
Paper and hanging paper	86 05	
Repairs on building, brick walks and fences	945 81	
Furnace and other repairs	97 00	
Repairs on farm house	139 90	
Books and stationery	34 96	
Queensware	84 04	
Two horses	310 00	
Telephone	84 00	
Coal oil	106 24	
Plumbing and repairs on pumps	104 53	
Ice	17 00	
Medical services and medicine	313 41	
Insurance	152 70	
New wagon	116 00	
Harness	48 60	

Cleaning vaults	$35 00	
Incidentals	73 31	
		13,157 19
Balance in treasury July 12th, 1904		$423 17
Received from Rev. Beck, teacher's residence	$2,058 55	
Paid on teacher's residence	1,896 84	
Balance		$71 71
Catherine Raukopf, donation	$500 00	
Paid on wagon shed and corn crib	458 05	
		$41 95
Balance from wagon shed and residence		$113 66
Paid live stock and rentals		113 66
Repairs on building, brick walks and fencing	$945 81	
Farm and garden implements	318 62	
Repairs on farm house	139 90	
Total	$1,404 33	
Expense for house proper		$11,752 86

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. SCHULTZ, *Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM JULY 1, 1902, TO JULY 1, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

From former secretary	$627 67
From general treasurer, balance due July 1, 1902	260 10
From general treasurer, running expenses	11,939 50
From general treasurer, for repairs (see Min. 1902)	600 00
For house expense fund	955 16
Interest on investments	748 62
Balance teacher's residence fund	57 97
Profits from garden	109 93
Bequest of Johanna C. Lipp	25 00
Donations	55 00
Total	$15,378 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. J. Schultz, treasurer	$13,359 98
Paid by cancelling note	2,000 00
Total	$15,359 98
In treasury	18 97
Grand total	$15,378 95

DEBT.

July '1, 1902	$3,914 00
Paid	2,000 00
Present debt	$1,914 00

TEACHER'S RESIDENCE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions from congregations of Synod	$1,081 77
Proceeds of Wernle festival	1,034 75
Total	$2,116 52
Paid J. J. Schultz, treasurer	2,058 55
Balance	$57 97

The above was transferred to Wernle Home account.

Mrs. Catharine Rauhkopf, of Richmond, Ind., gave $500, with special instructions as to its use. (See treasurer's report.)

ENDOWENT FUND.

Frederick Fund	$100 00
Heffner Fund	400 00
Love Fund	6,408 58
Benzin Fund	500 00
Herzog Fund	1,000 00
Herman Vocke Fund	250 00
Vollmer Fund	250 00
Stiffler Fund	246 00
Total	$9,154 58

The above is drawing interest, some at 5 per cent., others at 6 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BECK *Fin. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

I. FINANCES.

a. 1) From the report of the General President we find that during the last term of office he has again received a number of scholarships, annuities, etc., for our Synod. The scholarships at present amount to $48,800.00.

2) The papers and documents of the J. A. Schulze and Austin Cooperrider estates, which have been administered by the General

President, have been examined and found correct. (The A. C. Fund amounts to about $20,000.00, and the interest is to be paid to the Church Building Board Treasury).

3) We recommend a vote of thanks to the General President for his work in this direction.

4) We are glad to see that the Baughman Professorship Fund now amounts to $25,000.00. Brother Baughman and wife deserve the thanks of Synod.

b. 1) We note that the receipts of the Institution Treasury amount to $56,153.28 during the last two years, which is $9,828.50 more than from 1900-1902. We should not forget to urge our congregations to continue in such progress.

2) According to resolution of Joint Synod ten per cent. of the net proceeds of our Book Concern have been credited to a German Professorship Fund, amounting to $1,868.00.

3) With regret we notice that, although our collections for the Institution Treasury show a marked improvement, our synodical debt has increased to the amount of $6,975.00.

4) We recommend that this honorable body extend its hearty thanks to our Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Heer, for his long and faithful services.

c. 1) The report of the Treasurer of Synod, Mr. C. Nagel, has been audited and found correct.

2) The total receipts of this treasury were $1,691.95. The indebtedness of the various Districts amounts to $300.04.

3) We hope that the various Districts will, in the future, discharge their obligations more faithfully.

d. 1) The books and documents of the Board of Aids have been audited and found correct. Total receipts were $5,979.53; disbursements, $5.717.76.

2) We suggest that hereafter the Board of Aids see to it that their books be audited by a committee before the session of Synod.

e. 1) For Foreign Missions Synod has spent $9,499.84 during the last two years. Of this sum $8,808.40 was sent to Hermannsburg, $618.22 to the famine-stricken in Finland, and $73.22 to Missionary Shabaz.

2) We also wish to bring to the attention of Synod that Treasurer Butz desires to be relieved of his office as Foreign Missionary Treasurer. We regret to hear of Rev. Butz's resig-

nation and herewith express our hearty thanks for so many years of faithful service.

f. Regarding Jewish Missions we would ask if it is advisable that the President of the Board be the missionary himself?

g. We wish to ask: 1) Whether the resolution of Joint Synod, that all administration of synodical properties shall be managed by a committee, has been carried out?

2) Have the scholarships intended for particular institutions been turned over to such institutions?

II. APPROPRIATIONS.

1. Your committee recommends that the necessary amounts for the maintenance of the various institutions be appropriated, namely:

Capital University and Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio	$9,000 00
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn	3,250 00
Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind	6,000 00
St. John's Home, Mars, Pa	1,200 00
Teachers' Seminary, Woodville, Ohio	3,400 00
Hickory Academy	1,025 00

2. We deem it advisable that hereafter the committee that has the appropriations in charge, shall always have the General President and General Institution Treasurer present.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

I. a 1-4 *adopted.*

b 1-3 *adopted.*

To item 3 the explanation was given that several new appropriations had been added, and that this indebtedness, although a real debt, does not press us for payment, inasmuch as the money has been borrowed from legacies and scholarships. The question was asked, whether this manner of applying these funds on indebtedness can be approved? Synod decided, that as long as our different institutions have need of such funds it is perfectly

legitimate to apply them in this manner, and thus place ourselves under no obligations to people outside of our Church.

Item 4 *adopted.*

c 1-3 *adopted.*

d 1-2 *adopted.*

e 1-2 *adopted.*

f and g adopted.

To the two items under *g* an affirmative answer was given.

II. 1 *and* 2 *adopted.*

VARIA.

A. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. We recommend a careful consideration of the President's address. Especially concerning the second last item of the address, we hope that our beloved Lutheran Church more and more realizes the fact that she is the salt of the earth and the Light of the world, and that she more and more performs this God-given duty without in any way endangering her peculiar character and without neglecting her first duty towards those who are of the same household of faith — and this all, in a God-pleasing unity of the faith. To this end we recommend a more extensive distribution of Lutheran tracts in the language of the land and the establishing of missions among those who are not under church influences.

2. Your committee recommends the publication of a Synodical Manual, with the conditions recommended by Dr. C. H. L. Schuette.

B. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH HYMNAL.

The committee on Final Revision of English Hymnal met at the call of Dr. C. H. L. Schuette on May 4, 1904, at the Lutheran Book Concern, and performed the work assigned, as specified in the Joint Synod Minutes of 1902, pages 103 and 104. All members of the committee were present with the exception of Revs. Trebel and Lenski. The order of evening service, and a number of hymns, were approved.

A. PFLUEGER, *Secretary of the Committee.*

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

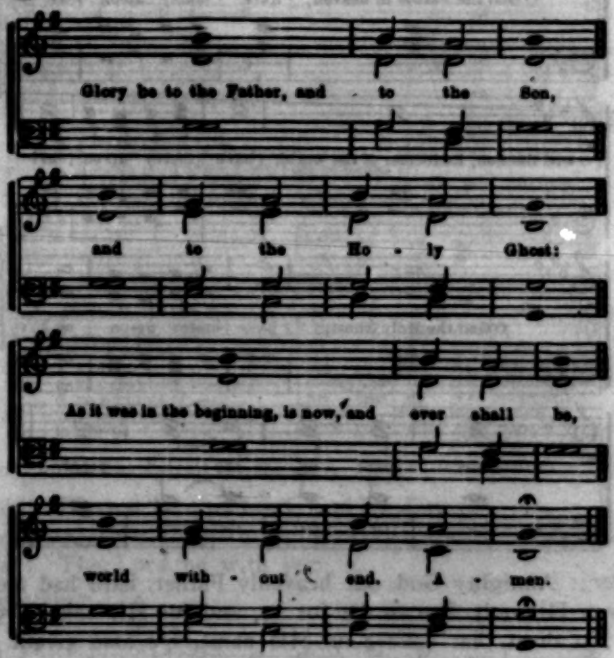
Your committee, appointed by the First English District to revise our English order of morning service, including the communion, and then report the same to your honorable body for approval, herewith submit the result of their labors.

REVISED MORNING SERVICE.

Each worshiper, at the proper time taking his place in the church, should offer a silent prayer, first for himself and then for the minister, continuing in reverent devotion until the service begins.

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

Congregation:



Then shall follow the exhortation and confession in either the short or long form.

SHORT FORM.

Minister: Let us confess our sins unto God and pray for forgiveness for Christ's sake. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,

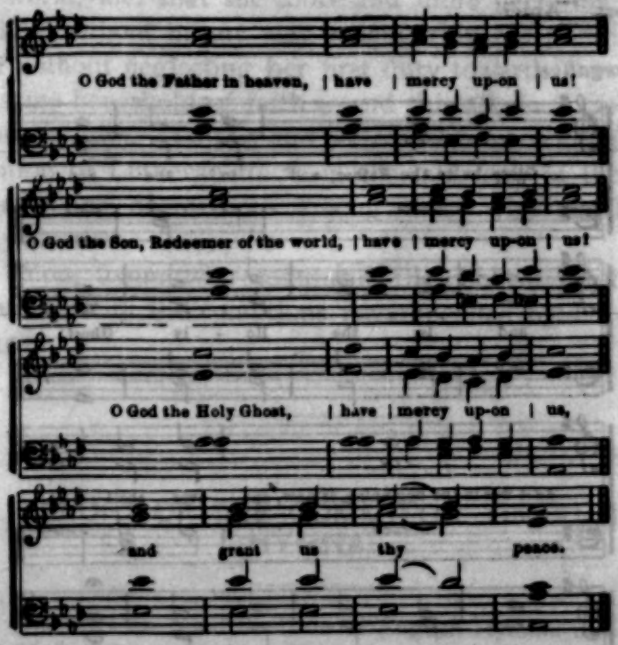
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore make confession unto God, saying:

I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, the Almighty, my Creator and Redeemer, not only that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, but also that I was conceived and born in sin, so that my whole nature and being in His sight deserve temporal and eternal punishment. Wherefore I flee to His infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace. Lord be merciful to me, a sinner!

LONG FORM.

Minister: Dearly Beloved! The Holy Scriptures declare, that when the wicked man turneth away, etc., through Thy blessed Son, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Congregation:

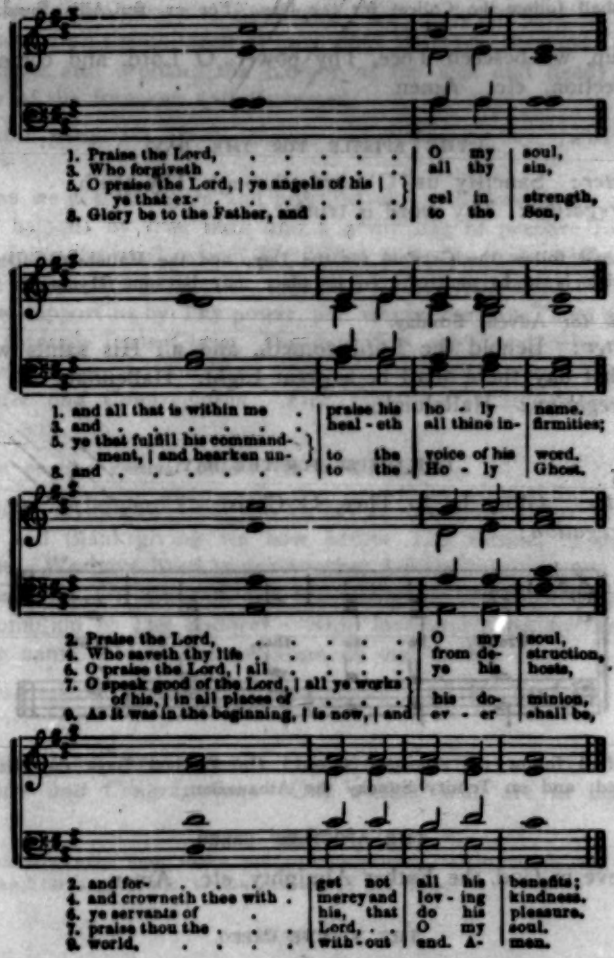


Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He also giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: Amen.

Minister: Glory be to God on high.

Then shall the congregation respond with the "*Gloria in Excelsis*," or the "Benedic Anima Mea," or the "Venite Exultemus Domino," or Hymn No. 1.



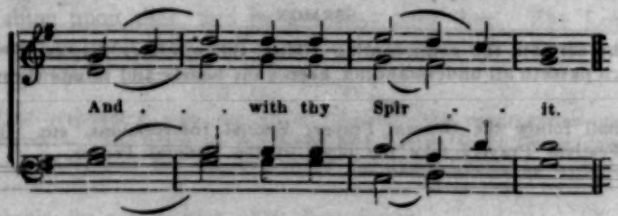
Then shall follow the Introit for the Day. For ex., for Advent Sunday.

Minister: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

Congregation: For He hath visited and redeemed His people.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



Minister: Let us pray.

Here shall follow the Collect for the Day. For ex. for Adv. Sund.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come; that by Thy protection, etc. Amen.

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY.

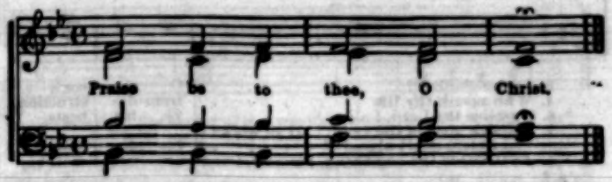
Minister: Sanctify us, O Lord, through Thy truth,
Congregation: Thy word is truth.

Here shall follow the Gradual for the Day, and the Halleluiah. During Lent, the Halleluiah is to be omitted. In its place may be sung Hymn 68.

For ex. for Advent Sunday.
Minister: Behold the Lord cometh, and all His saints with Him. And on that day there shall be a great Light. Halleluiah.
Congregation: Halleluiah.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE DAY.

Minister: Glory be to Thee, O Christ.
Congregation:



Here shall follow the Apostles' Creed. On Festival Days the Nicene Creed is to be used, and on Trinity Sunday the Athanasian.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, etc. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, etc. Amen.

HYMN.

The minister, having ascended the pulpit, may say: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

SERMON.

After the sermon, the congregation rising, the minister may say: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Here shall follow the General Prayer, Special Intercessions, etc. On Festival Days, the Festival Prayers take the place of the General Prayer.

THE GENERAL PRAYER.

Minister: Almighty and Everlasting God, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, etc. Be Thou the God and Father of the widow and orphan, the Keeper of the sick and needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Here shall follow any special intercessions, if there be any, forms for which see page —.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, having no continuing city here, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the life to come; doing the work which Thou hast given us to do while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Thy power, and receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister and Congregation: Our Father who art in heaven, etc. Amen.

Or, for ex. the Festival Prayer for Advent Sunday.

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, with adoration and thanksgiving we bow before Thy throne, to praise Thy Holy name. We have lived to see another Advent morning, etc. May all the privileges of Thy Church, and the means of grace continue with us, to the promotion of Thy children's faith, love and hope, to the glory of Thy Holy name, and to the salvation of our souls.

Here shall follow any special intercessions, if there be any, forms for which see page —.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, etc. Amen.

Minister and Congregation: Our Father who art in heaven, etc. Amen.

The minister may now make his announcements, after which the choir may render an anthem appropriate to the service of the Day.

HYMN.

During the singing of this hymn, the collection may be taken up. A prayer over the offering may then be offered by the minister, followed by an offertory by the congregation.

If there be a celebration of the Holy Communion, it shall follow here; otherwise shall follow:

Minister: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

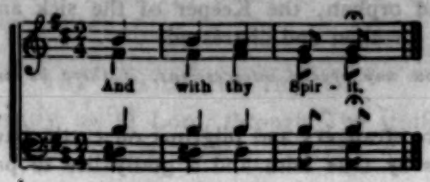
Congregation: (Standing) Amen.

Instead of responding with the above "Amen," the congregation may respond with the GRATIA: — "The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, with us all. Amen!"

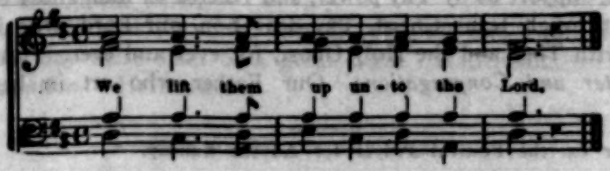
Then should the congregation offer silent prayer.

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

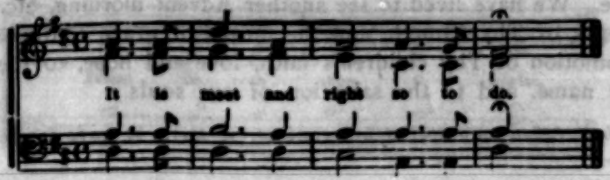
Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation:



Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Congregation:



Minister: It is truly meet, right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Savior.

Here may follow the Festival sentence for the Day, or else immediately shall follow: "Therefore with Angels and Archangels, etc."

SPECIAL FESTIVAL SENTENCES.

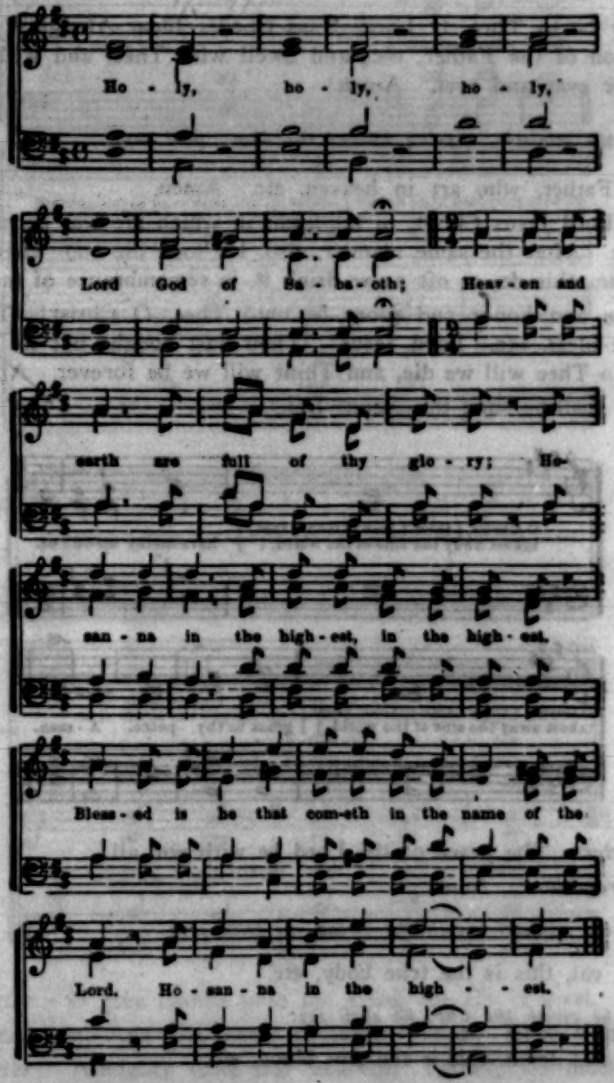
Here to be inserted for Advent, Christmas, Passion, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity.

For ex. for Christmas Day.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory; that seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with Angels, etc.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Congregation:



THE EXHORTATION.

If the Confessional sermon, or the sermon for the Day has had special reference to the Communion, this Exhortation may be omitted.

Minister: Dearly beloved in the Lord! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord, etc. For we are all one bread, and one body, even as we eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

Then shall the minister say:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, Jesus Christ, Thou Almighty and everlasting Son of the Father, etc., and dwell with Thee, and with all Thy saints, for ever and ever. Amen!

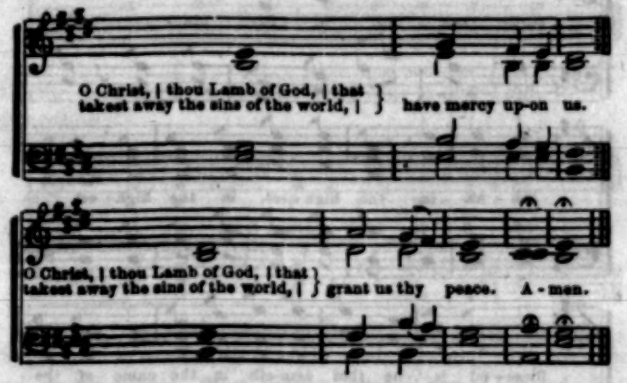
Then the minister, turning toward the altar, shall say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, etc. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, etc. After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped. etc., this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise and honor and glory be unto Thee, O Christ! The bread which we bless, etc. Lord Jesus! Thou hast bought us: to Thee will we live, to Thee will we die, and Thine will we be forever. Amen!

Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei.



Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

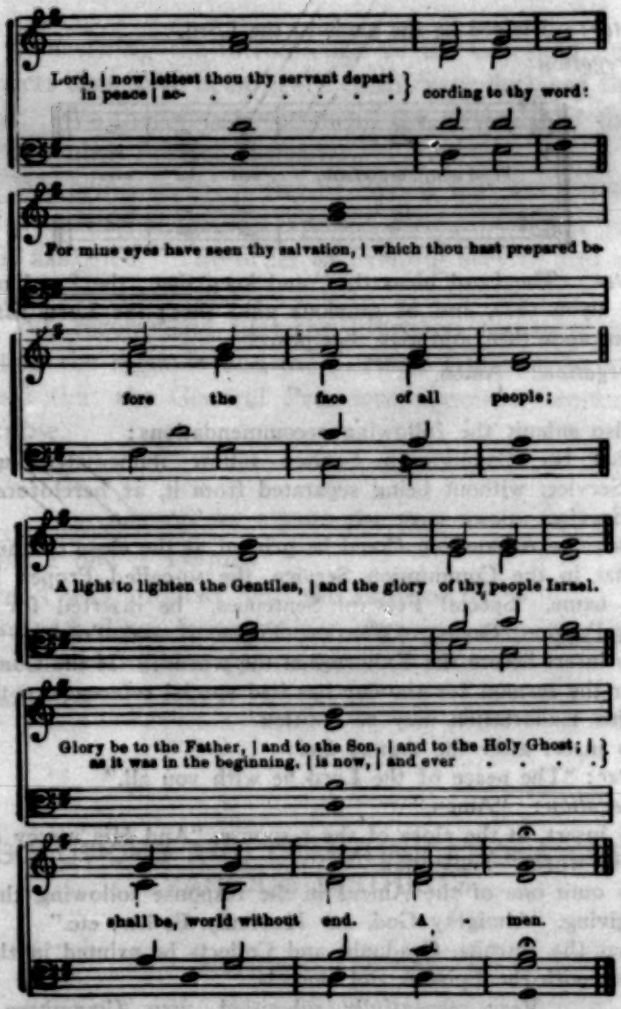
When the minister giveth the Bread, he shall say:

Take, eat, this is the true body, etc.

When he giveth the Cup, he shall say:

Take and drink, this is the true blood, etc.

When all have communed, the Nunc Dimittis may be said or sung:

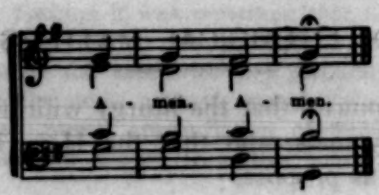


Minister: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Congregation: And His mercy endureth forever. Halleluiah.

Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou hast again vouchsafed to feed us, etc., who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

Congregation:



Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Congregation:

Minister: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Congregation: Amen.

We also submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Communion Service follow immediately upon the Morning Service, without being separated from it, as heretofore, by the Evening Service.

2. That the Athanasian Creed be printed at the close of the service.

3. That in the Communion Service, the so-called Proper Prefaces, under the name, "Special Festival Sentences," be inserted for Advent, Christmas, Passion, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

4. To insert before the Exhortation the words: "If the Confessional Sermon, or the sermon for the day has had special reference to the Communion, this Exhortation may be omitted."

5. To insert after the Agnus Dei:

Minister: "The peace of the Lord be with you all."

Congregation: "Amen."

6. To insert, at the close of the response, "And His mercy endureth forever," the word, " Halleluiah."

7. To omit one of the Amens in the response following the prayer of thanksgiving, "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, etc."

8. That the Introits, Graduals, and Collects be printed in the Hymnal, together with the Epistles and Gospels.

Very respectfully submitted, your Committee,

E. G. TRESSEL, *Chairman*,
C. H. L. SCHUETTE,
E. PFEIFFER,
A. PFLUEGER,
W. L. SPIELMAN, *Secretary*.

D. LITURGICAL MATTERS.

1. We recommend that the liturgy with notes be printed in our (German) hymnals, and that the Hon. President appoint a committee for this purpose.

2. Concerning the introduction of the Common Service, all the Districts that have been heard from, have declared themselves against it. We therefore recommend the adoption of the revised English Morning Service instead.

3. We bring to the notice of Synod that the Committee on Final Revision of English Hymnal, with music, has performed the work assigned. The order of evening service and a number of hymns were approved.

4. We recommend that the liturgical formulæ, which are different in the Agende and the German Hymnal, be made uniform, and that the General President appoint a committee for this purpose.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1 *and* 2 *adopted.*

Item 3 was adopted with the addition:

Resolved, That hymns Nos. 487, 492 and 493 be re-committed to the committee for revision.

4 *adopted.*

E. RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

Northern District.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.

(*Lima Matter.*)

The following resolutions were adopted instead of the report: First, that in the opinion of the Northern District our Synod cannot accept the overtures of the Lima Educational Association. (Adopted by 54 againts 24 votes.) Secondly, that the institution in question ought nevertheless in a proper manner to be placed under the auspices of Synod.

In favor of this position it was remarked that God has not made it the duty of Church or Synod to give our sons and daughters a higher secular education, as is the case with the preparation of pastors and teachers. Then also the notes at bank would have to be cancelled at once, and thirdly, an annual appropriation of $2,500 to $3,000 would scarcely cover the amount needed from this source.

On the other hand it was remarked that the great educational importance and material value of the Lima institution ought to make it welcome to our Synod. The institution needs the moral support of a large body, like the Ohio Synod, in order to make progress. The small debt resting on it ought to deter no one from voting for the acceptance of the institution. We decidedly need the school, in order to retain some of our best young people for the Church, who, in case they attend sectarian schools, are easily lost to us.

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH COMMITTEE.

Your committee was appointed to present resolutions relative to

THE ADMISSION OF YOUNG LADIES INTO OUR TEACHERS' SEMINARY AT WOODVILLE OHIO.

After due deliberation on this matter your committee begs leave to present the following recommendations:

1. That we fully appreciate the frequent demand for lady teachers, but do not consider it expedient to make any special arrangements for the education of lady teachers at Woodville.

2. That we would indeed consider it advisable to have a ladies' department in connection with our school at Woodville; but on account of the expense incurred in this way and the necessary enlargement of the course, we consider such an undertaking ill advised at this time.

3. But that we advise, to grant young ladies admission to our school, without, however, changing the course or character of the institution.

Respectfully your committee,

J. J. Weiss, Wm. Bieritz,
W. F. Rose F. Volz,
Caspar Veith.

We further recommend that this District join the Western District, both in the opinion that Dr. Ernst ought to be relieved of some of his work, and also in the resolution that Joint Synod be petitioned accordingly.

We would call attention to a resolution to be submitted by the English District to Joint Synod, proposing that the Theological Magazine be edited by our theological professors at Columbus, Ohio, in such a way that a department for each of the chief branches of exegetical, historical, systematic and practical theology be conducted by its respective representative.

Western District.

1. Concerning Luther Seminary, we are of opinion that arrangements should be made to relieve Dr. Ernst in part of his work, and we move that our district present requests to that effect to Joint Synod. See Eng. Minutes, p. 7 and 36, 1903.

2. *In regard to the majority necessary for the election of professors.* Eng. Minutes, p. 36, par. 8, 1903.

We also recommend that our district petition the Joint Synod to the end that in future a three-fourths' majority be necessary in the election of professors.

3. *Lima College.* Eng. Minutes, p. 45, 1903.

The district recommends the acceptance of the overtures of the Lima Lutheran Educational Association.

4. *Pension for Pastors.* Eng. Minutes, pp. 47,48, 1903.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.

(Petition of Auglaize Conference.)

Your committee has in hand the resolutions of the Auglaize Conference concerning a plan for aiding old pastors and teachers or their families.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE AUGLAIZE CONFERENCE.

Your committee met at Anna, Ohio, May 4, 1903, and now submits to Conference the following resolutions:

I. That we as a conference of synod do not submit any rules concerning details of a plan, but rather that we agitate the matter, so that synod itself may in due time appoint a committee, to regulate the details of such a plan.

II. That we, in our present consideration of the matter, confine ourselves to the distribution of the moneys, and lay aside for the present that which concerns the gathering of the same.

III. That moneys paid from this treasury be regarded as a salary, a salary or pension paid by the Church at large, as was previously done by the individual congregations.

IV. We rejoice, that synod as a body, for example, continues the salary of our worthy Dr. Loy, who spent his strength in the service of the Church, and we hold, that the Church has a similar duty toward all its faithful servants, and ought to provide for them in a similar manner, when they are no longer able to fullfill the duties of their office, or for their dependents.

V. Synod has a definite plan for gathering money and asks a definite sum from all its pastors. We hold, that synod ought also to have a like definite plan for the distribution of these moneys. And since all pastors are supposed to contribute a fixed sum, so also a fixed sum ought to be granted to those, who are no longer able to conduct their office. If the present manner of gathering the money is not against the law of love, then a definite plan of distribution would not contend against the law of love either.

VI. We hold that it is not only the duty of the church to secure and educate men for the service of the church, but it is also her duty

to sufficiently provide for those who have spent their time and strength in the service of the church. Adopted.

R. C. H. LENSKI,
C. H. MAYER,
S. W. MAUTZ.

We have examined these resolutions and recommend the following: "That this honorable body, the Western District of Joint Synod of Ohio, adopt these resolutions and recommend them to Joint Synod at its next meeting for discussion and adoption."

Your committee,

F. W. STELLHORN, R. F. GRAETZ,
R. C. H. LENSKI, W. NIEBUHR,
W. F. H. HEUER, W. A. TRAPP.

5. *Quarterly Report of the General Treasurer. Resolved*: That Joint Synod be reminded of the fact that there is a resolution of synod which requires the General Treasurer to publish a quarterly report in the Church papers, and that this has not been done. (Minutes of 1904 not yet printed.)

6. *Change of the Time of Meeting of the Western District.* It was resolved to request Joint Synod to assign the Western District the week after Pentecost as the time for its annual meeting. (Minutes of 1904.)

Respectfully,
R. V. SCHMITT,
English Secretary.

Wisconsin District.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

The Wisconsin District of the honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and other states in session assembled at Mt. Olive, Ill., June 1-7, 1904, passed several resolutions which it is my duty to bring to the notice of your honorable body, viz.:

1. *Concerning Lima College:*

"We recommend to the brethren of Joint Synod that they would neither accept the Lima College as such, nor in any way have it placed under the auspices of Synod."

2. *Concerning Co-education at Woodville:*

"Resolved to recommend to Joint Synod not to allow young ladies to attend lectures in our Woodville Seminary."

3. *Concerning Indigent Students:*

"We recommend that such students as wish to enter the service of the Church be exempt from paying tuition from the beginning of the course."

4. *Concerning Election of Professors for Our Institutions:*

"We petition Joint Synod to change the mode of electing professors, now in vogue among us, and among other changes to appoint an electoral college."

5. *Concerning Change of Time for Meeting of Joint Synod:*

"We petition Joint Synod to make arrangements for Joint Synod to meet every *third year only*, during which year the various districts are not to convene."

M. P. F. DOERMANN,
Secretary of the Wisconsin District.

H. EISENBACH, *President Wisconsin District.*

Texas District.

I. Lima College.

In reference to the report of the committee entrusted with the consideration of this matter this District recommends:

1. We believe that some provision should be speedily made whereby the young ladies of our Lutheran church might have a better opportunity than heretofore had for obtaining a higher education in a Lutheran institution.

2. We believe that this end can best be attained by accepting the overtures of Lima College, providing it could be so arranged that Lima College and Woodville Seminary be united.

The District deemed it proper to give an expression to the views of Synod in the following resolution:

"But we think it not wise to take over Lima College as property of Joint Synod on account of the conditions included in such acceptance."

II. Pastors', Teachers,' Widows' and Orphans' Treasury.

We join the Northern District in its resolution in regard to this cause (cf. minutes of 1903, p. 46). We believe provision should be made in a becoming manner for the aged, needy and disabled ministers and teachers and their families; also that the plan at present in vogue in the bounds of Synod should be upheld and carried out conscientiously.

Kansas and Nebraska District.

1. In reference to the question of Joint Synod concerning the "Common Service" and referred by it to the Districts, it was resolved, "That we retain the German Morning service as we have it in our Agende."

2. *Resolved*, That the Kansas and Nebraska District requests Joint Synod to provide an uniform text in the liturgical formulary of our Agende in conformity with the one in our Hymnal (Gesangbuch).

3. *Resolved*, That we are not in favor of Joint Synod taking charge of Lima College for the following reasons:

a. Because we do not deem it wise to add more schools to those we already have in the east.

b. Because to assume the debts and maintain Lima College would be too great a burden for Joint Synod.

c. Because it is not the foremost duty of the church to prepare men for secular callings.

d. Because the distance is too great for members of our District to avail themselves of Lima College.

J. SCHWERIN, *Secretary.*

Eastern District.

The following items from the minutes of the Eastern District (1904) are herewith brought to the notice of Joint Synod:

1. *Resolved,* That we advocate the opening of the doors of our Woodville seminary to women; provided, however, that the character of the school as a teachers' seminary be not changed thereby.

2. That we ask Joint Synod at its next meeting to decide whether an election not in accordance with our synodical regulations is to be regarded as valid.

3. That the proposition to introduce the "Common Service" be rejected; and that we rejoice over and second the endeavor to bring the English morning service into harmony with the German.

4. That (a) we request *Joint Synod* to publish a pocket liturgy in both languages; (b) we memorialize Joint Synod to see that all hymnals again contain the passion history.

5. To refer to Joint Synod the question whether it would not be possible to find ways and means of distributing the few candidates which come from our Seminary in such a way as to serve the best interests of the whole Synod.

H. J. REIMANN, *President.*
OTTO MEES, *Secretary.*

Washington District.

The following recommendations and requests of the Washington District are herewith submitted to Joint Synod:

I. Concerning the Administration of the Pastors' and Teachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund:

1. WHEREAS, The provisions made for the support of pastors and teachers who have spent their strength in the service of the church and for the widows and orphans of those who have died in the service, are inadequate, Synod recognizes its duty to make such provisions in a thorough and orderly manner.

2. Joint Synod shall fix the amount of a pension to which disabled pastors or teachers, or, after their death, their widows and orphans, shall be entitled.

3. Those who are entitled to a pension, but are not in need of it, are expected to decline it.

4. The Board of Aids shall report annually to each District the condition of the treasury and shall state the amount needed for the following year.

5. The total amount needed shall be levied upon the pastors of Synod according to the number of their communicants, and pastors and teachers shall raise their assessments by personal contributions of one per cent. of their salaries and collections from the congregations.

6. It shall furthermore be the duty of Synod to collect a fund whose interest shall in case of necessity be used for the objects of the treasury, but as a rule be added to the Fund.

7. Bequests, gifts and the annual surplus shall be used for this Fund.

8. It is to be recommended that the entire plan of administration of this treasury shall be formulated exactly and a printed copy sent to each pastor.

II. Concerning Almanacs.

We recommend that the Publication Board be asked to publish the German Almanac in smaller form, better binding and with unprinted paper inserted between the pages of the Calendar. The price, if necessary, might be raised, as our people would rather pay 15 cents for such an almanac than 10 cents for the one we have now.

III. Concerning Lima College.

The Washington District adopts the resolutions of the Eastern District in this matter.

IV. Concerning new forms for reports.

1. We ask Joint Synod to print new forms for official and financial reports, as the present forms are unsatisfactory in many respects.

2. On the reverse side of these forms short and concise rules for the filling out of the same should be printed to secure more harmony.

Concordia District.

WHEREAS, There is a great scarcity of ministers; and

WHEREAS, Past experience has shown that a great part of the field of Concordia District can with difficulty be held, much less developed, with our present facilities; and

WHEREAS, It is found to be very difficult to secure any number of young men who will go so far to prepare themselves for the ministry;

Therefore, We, the pastors of the N. C. Conference, pray the Hon. Joint Synod to permit our Hickory school to be opened again as a seminary.

M. L. CARPENTER,
J. M. SENTER,
J. H. W. HOBBS,
G. L. HUNT,
J. E. BARB,
L. P. PROPES,
L. M. HUNT.

Upon motion, conference decided that, since the scarcity of ministers has become so manifest, since we in Concordia District are beginning to deeply feel it, and since we have learned by past experience that it is hard to get and retain men from Columbus or to get young men to go to Columbus; therefore we deem it best that Hickory school be opened again as a seminary to prepare men for the ministry.

S. H. PUFFENBERGER,
Secretary.
R. M. CARPENTER,
P. L. SNAPP,
A. M. PENCE,
C. F. HAMRICK,
J. H. LUTZ.

Minnesota District.

The following resolutions, containing propositions to the Joint Synod were passed during the session of the Minnesota District:

1. It was resolved concerning Lima College that Synod should not accept the offer made. * * * Lima College Association might, however, be permitted to gather funds within the territory of Synod, provided our own work is not interfered with, and on condition that the Association give to Synod the right of partial control, so as to secure the Lutheran character of the institution.

2. Resolved, concerning Woodville: We recommend that young ladies living there be admitted to instruction, provided that thereby no change be made in the course of study and that no further expenses be incurred or any system of co-education be introduced.

3. Resolved, with 24 against 19 votes for the motion, that the constitution of Joint Synod be changed so as to call for meetings every three instead of every two years, as now.

4. Resolved, that we endorse the recommendation of the Western District to relieve Rev. Dr. Ernst from a part of his burden of work.

5. We do not favor the building of a gymnasium at Columbus.

6. Concerning the translation of the Catechism, resolved, that in the translation of the English Catechism we desire an exact translation of the German text and that we protest absolutely against any changes.

G. WEISE,
Secretary of the Minnesota District.

From the General Teachers' Conference.

The General Teachers' Conference of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States recommends to the Joint Synod that the Teachers' Seminary should not be transferred from Woodville to Columbus for the following reasons:

1. By transferring the Teachers' Seminary it will lose its character as such.

2. It may cause rivalry between the students, with the result that very few, if any, will study to be teachers.

3. To establish and maintain a model training school would be a practical impossibility under the present circumstances.

H. RUPP, *President.*
HENRY ZIMMERMAN, *Vice President.*
C. OLDOERP, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

1. The Wisconsin District has sent in the following resolution: "We petition Joint Synod to make arrangements for Joint Synod to meet every third year only, during which year the various Districts are not to convene." We recommend that no change be made.

2. The Eastern District asks Joint Synod, whether an election not in accordance with our synodical regulations, is to be considered valid? We recommend that the answer *"no"* be given.

3. We endorse the adoption of the recommendation of the Western District, that in the future a three-fourths majority of the members of the Board be necessary in the election of professors.

4. The Wisconsin District petitions Joint Synod to change the mode of electing professors, now in vogue among us, and among other changes to appoint an Electoral College. We recommend that no change be made.

5. The Western District petitions Joint Synod to change the time of meeting to the week after Pentecost, as it was formerly. We recommend that the request be granted, provided the time of meeting does not conflict with other Districts.

6. The parish of Shelbyville, Ill., requests Synod that it be allowed to sever its connection with the Wisconsin District, which does not publish English minutes, and join the Western District, the pastor, however, to continue his connection with the Mt. Olive Conference. A similar request is made by the Philo congregation. We recommend that their requests be granted.

7. The congregation of Shelbyville, Ill., requests Joint Synod to instruct the authorities of Wernle Orphans' Home to publish annually, in our church papers, a list of the names, ages

and former residences of all the inmates of the aforesaid home, and whether one or both parents are dead. We recommend that once a year a complete report of the Orphans' Home be published in our church papers.

8. We have in our hands a communication from the Frieden's congregation, Galion, Ohio, requesting Synod to change the time of the meetings of the Northern District from October to a time not later than August, in order that the parochial school teachers can attend the sessions of the District Synod during their vacation. We recommend that said congregation be referred to its own District.

9. We have in our hands a communication from the Massachusetts Commission for International Justice, together with a copy of a resolution passed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled at Los Angeles, Cal., in which Synod is requested to consider the outrages perpetrated in the Congo Free State upon the natives, and that suitable resolutions upon this subject be forwarded to Congress, petitioning them to investigate the charges made, and if found to be sustained, to intercede for them. We recommend that such a petition be sent to Congress and a copy of the same be forwarded to the Massachusetts Commission for International Justice.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 *adopted.* It was stated that the Constitution of Synod forbids such a change.

Items 2 *and* 3 *adopted.*

Item 4 was tabled and the Wisconsin District requested to present propositions.

Item 5 *was lost.*

Items 6-9 *adopted.* Item 9 to be attended to by the secretaries.

Other matters referred to in the resolutions and communications from the various Districts, were divided among the other Preliminary Committees and acted upon.

F. GAVEL OF SYNOD.

At the opening of Synod, Rev. H. J. Schuh presented to Synod, in the name of Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, a gavel made from oak wood taken from a building in which a number of pioneer Lutheran pastors met on the 18th of October, 1812, and formed the nucleus of our Synod. The gavel bears the inscription: "Weygandt Parsonage. Washington Co., Pa. Cradle of the Ohio Synod. 1812." Rev. E. A. Boehme, then presiding chairman, responded, and in the name of Synod thanked the kind donor for this valuable relic, and expressed the hope that the firmness of the wood from which the gavel is made, might symbolize our firmness to the Word of God and the doctrines of our Church.

Drs. H. A. Allwardt and Theo. Mees, who were appointed to draft suitable resolutions pertaining to this matter, reported as follows:

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. The Honorable Synod considers this as a very happy thought to commemorate the services of the faithful pioneers in the foundation of the Lutheran Church in the western section of our land. May the zeal and spirit of sacrifice of those men inspire us to like zealous endeavors.

2. In accepting this present, the Synod expresses its sincere thanks to Rev. C. V. Sheatsley and authorizes the President of Joint Synod to be the custodian of this gavel and devote it to its appropriate use.

The above was adopted by Synod.

G. COMMITTEE ON EQUALIZATION OF TRAVELING EXPENSES.

The Committee on Equalization of Traveling Expenses reports as follows:

Total traveling expenses for 80 delegates	$1,224 65
Average expense	15 31
Amount collected	500 16
Amount returned	499 06
Balance on hand	1 10

We suggest that in future the districts instruct their delegates in regard to the plan for the equalization of the traveling expenses.

R. V. SCHMITT,
H. L. RIDENOUR.

This report was adopted by Synod and the balance of $1.10 ordered turned over to the synodical treasurer.

H. ELECTIONS.

The nominations made by the Presidents of Districts were ratified. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, that the by-laws respecting the time of the election of the officers of Synod and members of the various boards be brought into conformity with the resolutions of Synod, Tuesday morning as the time for casting the ballots.

2. Further resolved, that the election at this session of Synod take place on Tuesday forenoon, beginning at 8 o'clock, and ending at 12.

3. That, where two or more candidates are to be elected for one office but for different terms, the candidate receiving the most votes be given the long term and the candidate receiving the least votes be given the short term.

Resolved, that the post office address of candidates be given on ballots.

The election then took place according to the rules of Synod, and was supervised by a committee consisting of Rev. Theo. Marth, Teacher L. R. Riedel and Mr. A. A. Zindler. The following is the result:

General Treasurer. — Mr. Fred J. Heer, Columbus, Ohio.

Auditing Committee. (Elect Two.) — Prof. A. Pflueger, Columbus, Ohio, Prof. Geo. K. Leonard, Columbus, Ohio.

Foreign Mission Treasurer. — Rev. A. W. Werder, Wheeling, W. Va.

Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. (Elect three Pastors and two Laymen, one Pastor for Four Years.)— Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Anna, Ohio. Rev. E. A. Boehme, Youngstown, Ohio. Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, Pemberville, Ohio. Dr. H Busch, Woodville, Ohio. Mr. P. Herrnstein, Circleville, Ohio

Board of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. (Elect two Pastors and one Layman.)— Rev. H. A. Allwardt, D. D., Lebanon, Wis., Rev. G. Diemer, Brownton, Minn. Mr. H. Schroeder, Shakopee, Minn.

Board of Teachers' Seminary, Woodville, Ohio. (Elect one Pastor, one Teacher and two Laymen.)— Rev. H. G. Sutter, Galion, Ohio. Teacher W. A. Trapp, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. B. S. Otten, Woodville, Ohio. Mr. Carl Hueseman, Hessville, Ohio.

Board St. Paul Academy, Hickory, N. C. (Elect two Pastors and two Laymen.)— Rev. R. E. Golladay, Baltimore, Md. Rev. J. M. Senter, Dallas, N. C. Mr. G. W Huffman, Hickory, N C. Mr. N. M. Newton, Hickory, N. C.

Board Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind. (Elect two Pastors and one Layman.)— Rev. J. Beck, Richmond, Ind. Rev. W. F. Helle, Trenton, Ohio. Mr. F. Kehlenbrink, Richmond, Ind.

Board Old Folks' Home, Mars, Pa. (Elect one Pastor and one Layman.)— Rev. E. F. A. Dittmer, Carnegie, Pa. Mr. J. H. Hespenheide, Allegheny, Pa.

Board of Publication (Elect two Pastors, one Teacher and one Layman.)— Prof. E. Pfeiffer, Columbus, Ohio. Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mr. W. C. Windisch, Detroit, Mich. Teacher L. R. Riedel, Dayton, Ohio.

Board of Home Missions. (Elect Five, One for Four Years.)— Rev. J. C. Schacht, Columbus, Ohio. Rev. J. H. Schneider, Columbus, Ohio. Prof. A. Pflueger, Columbus, Ohio. Rev. P. F. Hein, Valley Crossing, Ohio. Rev. C. W. Bachman, Columbus, Ohio.

Board of Colored Misisons. (Elect one Pastor and one Layman.)— Rev. J. F. Mueller, Baltimore, Md. Mr. A. G. Snyder, Baltimore, Md.

Board of Jewish Missions. (Elect two Pastors and one Layman.)— Rev. O. S. Oglesby, Pittsburg S. S., Pa. Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, Surgeons Hall, Pa. Mr. Chas Eisenbach, Allegheny, Pa.

Board of Aid. (Elect one Pastor and one Teacher.)— Rev. G. Mochel, Fremont, Ohio. Teacher H. Zimmerman, Pemberville, Ohio.

Manager of Book Concern. — Mr. Fred J. Heer, Columbus, Ohio.

Statistician. — Rev. W. H. Price, Detroit, Mich.

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Remark: The officers are given according to the highest number of votes received.

I. OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND BUSINESS.

1. The fixed time of sessions was from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M., and from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

2. Rev. W. A. Bowman acted as reporter for the English Fremont papers and Rev. J. W. Kuntz for the German; Dr. G. H. Schodde for the *Lutheran Standard* and Prof. K. Hemminghaus for the *Kirchenzeitung*.

3. Rev. J. H. W. Hoerr and Hon. N. Hogue were excused to leave before close of Synod. Mr. L. H. Nissen was excused for non-attendance at Synod.

4. A communication from Prof. H. Ernst, D. D., in which he asked to be excused from attending Synod on account of sickness in his family, was presented to Synod. The secretaries were instructed to acknowledge the same, and express our sincere sympathy for him in his present affliction and assure him of our prayers at the throne of God.

5. Rev. J. Vollmar, who attended the mission festival of the Hermannsburg Mission congregation, was requested to present the greetings of the same. They were accepted with thanks.

6. The result of the vote on Sec. 3, Chap. IV of the Constitution of Synod, was 352 congregations and pastors for *a* and 23 against; 332 congregations and pastors for *b* and 40 against. Section 3, Chap. IV, with addition, was declared adopted.

7. *Resolved*, That the present editor-in-chief of the *Kirchenzeitung* receive the increase in salary granted at this session and that he continue as editor until January 1, 1905.

8. *Resolved*, That we print 6,250 German and 2,750 English copies of our minutes.

9. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to Rev. W. E. Tressel and his Grace congregation, as also Revs. G. Mochel and W. A. Bowman and members of their congregations, for the kind reception and hospitable entertainment during our stay in their midst. Thanks are also due to Rev. W. E. Tressel and his Grace congregation for the public reception on Monday evening. The pastors named are requested to announce this vote of thanks to their congregations.

10. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to our secretaries for their faithful service, and that they each be given $25.00 for their labor.

The business of Synod having been completed, Synod adjourned as per form in our Liturgy.

The correctness of these minutes is affirmed by

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *President.*
W. H. PRICE, *English Secretary.*
W. D. AHL, *German Secretary.*

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod

OF

OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

In Jesus Name.

PROLEGOMENA.

REASONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF SYNODS.

The reasons which induce Christians to organize synodical bodies are as follows:

1. The will of God that the "manifestation of the Spirit may be given to every man, to profit withal." 1 Cor. 12, 4-31.
2. The example of the Apostolic Church. Acts 15, 1-31.
3. The preservation and promotion of unity in the pure faith (Eph. 4, 3-6; 1 Cor. 1, 10), and a united warfare against everything opposed to this faith. Rom. 16, 17.
4. The common extension of the kingdom of God (missions) and the establishment and maintenance of special churchly enterprises (educational institutions, the spread of the Bible and the Book of Concord, the publication of orthodox liturgies, hymn books, school books and other books, as well as periodicals, etc.).
5. The protection and maintenance of the rights and duties of pastors and congregations.
6. The promotion of the greatest uniformity attainable in the government of the Church.

CHAPTER 1.

NAME OF SYNOD.

The name of this synod shall be: "The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States."

CHAPTER II.

CONFESSION OF SYNOD.

Synod accepts all the canonical writings of the Old and New Testaments as the written Word of God, and the only rule and guide of faith

and life, and also all the Symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as the pure and unadulterated explanation and exposition of the Word of God, namely: The Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian Creed, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the same, the Smalcald Articles, Dr. Luther's Smaller and Larger Catechism, and the Formula of Concord.

CHAPTER III.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IN SYNOD.

Pastors and congregations desiring to become members of this Synod and to remain in connection with it, must:

a) Accept without exception all the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments, as a whole and in all their parts, as the divinely inspired and revealed Word of God, and must submit to this only infallible judge in all matters of faith and life.

b) They must also, without reservation accept all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as named in Chapter II, not *so far as* but *because* they are the pure, unadulterated explanation and exposition of the Word of God. On the part of congregations a similar recognition of Luther's Smaller Catechism and of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession will be sufficient.

c) They must renounce all kinds of unionism and syncretism, such as: Pastoral ministrations to heterodox or mixed congregations as such; exchange of pulpits and altar fellowship with errorists, participation in the worship and sacramental acts of such congregations; taking part in the missionary and tract operations of errorists and unionists, and also secret societies and the like.

d) The pastors must have a regular, not a temporary call from their congregations, and the latter must elect their delegates regularly.

e) They must also promise, as it is the duty of Christians, to provide their children with Christian schooling, and for this reason to labor zealously for the establishment and maintenance of Christian parochial schools.

f) If strangers to the Synod they shall be required to furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to their faith and life.

CHAPTER IV.

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO THE EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

§ 1. Those congregations and ministers of the Church who unite in this organization constitute Synod. Uniting with Synod shall take place through the District Synods mentioned hereafter.

§ 2. The assembled Synod shall consist of delegates (pastors, lay delegates and teachers) elected on the basis of one each for every ten. Every district shall be entitled to at least two delegates. Fractions of ten, and consisting of at least five, shall be entitled to one delegate; fractions of ten, and consisting of less than five, shall be apportioned to other groups

of congregations. The manner of electing the delegates shall be determined by the by-laws.

§ 3. Voting members are all pastors and lay-delegates, who have been duly elected; teachers are only advisory members. It is left to the districts to entitle the teachers to vote in said districts. Advisory members are further all other members of Synod present; the following members are required to be present at every meeting of the Delegate Synod as advisory members: The presidents of the District Synods, the theological professors, the dean and president of Capital University, the director of the Teachers' Seminary, the wardens of all eleemosynary institutions and the presidents of the different boards of Synod. The Synod as such is divided into District Synods, whose geographical boundaries are fixed and may also be changed by Joint Synod.

§ 4. Joint Synod shall assemble every two years as a Delegate Synod. District Synods shall meet once a year, but at different times. In the Delegate Synod, as also in the District Synods, one-third (⅓) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

§ 5. The Delegate Synod, as also the District Synods, shall elect at every regular meeting from among its members by an absolute majority one President, one Vice President (Joint Synod two), one Secretary (Joint Synod one German and one English Secretary) and one Treasurer.

§ 6. The District Synods have jurisdiction only over the affairs pertaining to their respective districts; they may also make such by-laws to this Constitution, which is the Constitution of the districts also, as expediency requires, provided such by-laws do not conflict with this Constitution.

§ 7. In matters of doctrine and conscience the Word of God shall alone decide. All other questions shall be decided by an absolute majority of votes unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution. In case of a tie the President shall have the casting vote.

§ 8. A pastoral conference shall be held during the meeting of Synod; teachers and lay delegates may also hold conferences at the same time.

§ 9. During the meeting of Synod the pastors appointed by the President and the resident minister shall preach on subjects assigned to them by the President, of which subjects they shall be informed at least four weeks previous.

CHAPTER V.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

§ 1. Changes or additions to the constitution can be made only in the following manner: The motion to change or to add shall be made at a meeting of Joint Synod, and when three-fourths of the voting members vote for it, the Secretary of Synod is to publish the fact again in the Church papers, in connection with the announcement of the next meeting of Synod, requesting all voting members of the Synod to cast their votes either in person (the congregations through their accredited delegates) or

by writing, in respect to such motion, at the next Synodical convention. In case three-fourths of the votes, at this second meeting of Synod are cast in favor of the motion, the President is to declare the same adopted. But here it is explicitly stated that the regulations in Chapter ~~III~~ and ~~IV~~ II + III can never be changed, and no amendment or addition, conflicting with the third and fourth chapters of this resolution, shall be valid.

§ 2. By-laws that do not conflict in any manner with the above Constitution may be made at any time at any regular session of Synod, or abolished in like manner, by a majority of two-thirds of the voting members present.

BY-LAWS.

§ 1. All delegates to Joint Synod shall be elected at the District Synods according to the prescribed order of the Constitution.

§ 2. The traveling expenses shall be equally divided among all. The general President shall appoint a committee before the meeting of Synod to whom all the delegates are to report their expenses, after which the committee shall equalize them.

§ 3. Besides the officers mentioned in Chapter V, § 5, Joint Synod shall elect the following: *a*) Boards of Directors for her several institutions, as provided for by their constitutions; *b*) a General Institution Treasurer; *c*) a Mission Board; *d*) a Publication Board; *e*) Editors for her periodicals; *f*) a committee to examine the manuscript of all works before they are published; *g*) a Business Manager for Book Concern; *h*)a Pastors' and Teachers' Widows and Orphans' Committee; *i*) a Historian. The faculties of the several educational institutions are to be examining committees.

§ 4. Rights and duties of the General President:

a. The General President shall exercise supervision over the doctrine, practice and official conduct of all the officers of Joint Synod, all the Presidents of the District Synods, and all those who are appointed by Joint Synod, as e. g., Professors in Seminaries and Colleges, Boards of Directors, Agents, etc. In extreme cases he shall also have the right to suspend any officer of Joint Synod.

b. The General President, or a representative appointed by him, shall, whenever possible, be present at the meetings of the various District Synods, in order to aid them by his counsel, and shall then report at the meeting of Joint Synod. The necessary traveling expenses for this purpose shall be paid out of the treasury of Joint Synod.

c. The General President shall visit all the educational institutions once every two years.

SEC. 5. Rights and Duties of the Vice-Presidents of Joint Synod.—

a. The Vice-Presidents shall represent the President at his request in all functions from whose performance he is prevented.

b. Whenever the President becomes unable to serve, as in case of his death, the First Vice-President shall be the next to occupy his place to the expiration of his official term.

SEC. 6. Rights and Duties of the Secretaries of Joint Synod.—

a. The Secretaries shall announce the meeting of Synod two months in advance, shall record the minutes during the meeting, attend to their publication after their approval by the President, also to their distribution, and deposit all important papers in the archives.

b. The Secretaries shall keep a correct list of all district delegates and other members of Synod, stating whether they are voting or advisory members.

c. The Secretaries shall in the name of Synod prepare all papers and attest all documents, the German Secretary those in the German, the English Secretary those in the English language.

d. In case of disability of the Secretary, or in case of his death, the President shall appoint another in his stead.

SEC. 7. Rights and Duties of Treasurer of Joint Synod.—

a. The Treasurer shall collect quarter-annually the quotas of the District Synods, pay out all properly appropriated sums and take receipts therefor, and at every meeting of Joint Synod, or when desired by the President, render an account.

b. In case of disability of the Treasurer, or in case of his death, the President shall appoint another in his stead.

SEC. 8. Mode of Election.—

The election of the members of the different Boards, Treasurers, Standing Committees and Agent of the Book Concern shall take place as follows:

a. The District Presidents constitute a committee to nominate two candidates for each office.

b. The list of candidates shall be laid before Synod for approval.

c. A ticket, containing all approved candidates, shall be printed.

d. An Election Board, consisting of one pastor, one teacher and one lay delegate, shall be appointed by the President, to supervise the election, keep a correct list of voters, and announce the result to Synod.

e. Time of election, if not otherwise ordered, shall be on Saturday from 7:00—10:00 a. m.

SEC 9. Preliminary Committee.—

The Preliminary Committee, consisting of four members of each district, two pastors and two delegates, having previously been announced to the President by the respective District Secretaries, shall meet two days before meeting of Synod. This committee shall look over all reports and other business coming before Synod, prepare necessary motions and resolutions, and agree on an order of business. At the meeting of the Preliminary Committee also the Presidents of the different Boards and Institutions shall be present.

SEC. 10. The Archives of Synod.—

The Archives of Synod shall be kept in the Institution building at Columbus, Ohio, and Archivist shall be the Housefather of said Institution. He shall keep and complete an inventory of the archives, have charge of all documents, such as minutes of Joint and District Synods, letters, opinions, etc., and arrange them according to years. He is not

permitted to remove any document from the Archives without direction of the President, and shall be responsible for same to Synod. In his presence any member of Synod shall have free access to the Archives.

SEC. 11. Statistician of Synod.—

The Synod elects a Statistician, whose duty it shall be to publish annually in the church papers, based on the parochial reports handed in at the District Synods, a statistical report concerning the growth and general activity of Synod.

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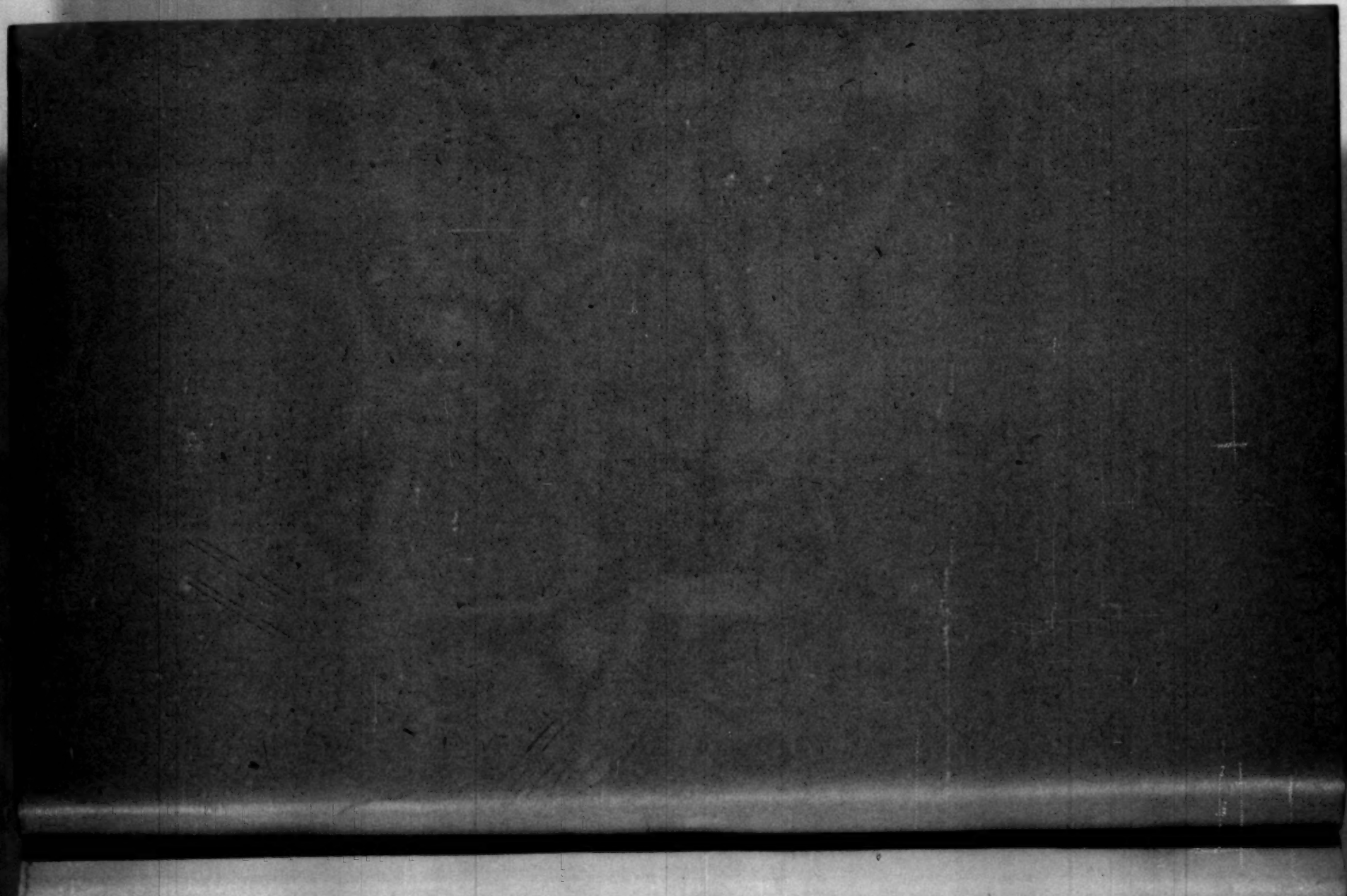
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